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Argentina are the 1978 World Cup Champions. Leopoldo Lugue (number 14) and captain Daniel Passarella proudly hold aloft the world's greatest trophy, and Osvaldo C. Ardiles (right) awaits his turn.

SHOULD 'KEEPERS GET GOAL-SAVING AWARDS?

Answers from DAI DAVIES, BARRY SIDDALL, ALEX STEPNEY and DAVID HARVEY

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CORRECTION

IN our 24th June issue, when writing about Harry Haslam's rebuilding of Sheffield United we inadvertently said that Oscar Arce had won three Uruguayan international youth caps, played for Racing Club of Montevideo and has an elder brother who gained international and World Cup medals. We were, of course, talking about Haslam's assistant-manager Danny Bergara and apologise for our slip.

Oscar Arce, to put the record straight, played at the highest level in South America, Spain and Italy and will be working on the basic skills of the youngsters in the club. Bergara will be instilling his skill and approach to the game on the first team squad.

Incidentally, Bergara has another brother who reached international football level and is now managing San Andres in Spain's Second Division. The way that Bergara is progressing here he could, under Haslam's guidance, be the first person from abroad to make an important managerial impact on our soccer scene.

GLENTORAN PAIR TO MOVE?

SEVERAL Football League clubs are expected to move in to capture skilful Glentoran duo Billy Caskey and Vic Moreland, who are currently appearing in North American League Soccer with Tulsa Roughnecks.

Both versatile Caskey and midfielder Moreland looked set for a combined £50,000 switch to Sheffield United last year, but the deal fell through, and even Tottenham's £30,000 offer for Caskey proved fruitless, the brilliant prospect preferring to remain in Ulster.

But after sampling big-money Stateside soccer, the Oval pair may soon yield to the almost irresistible urge to display their skill and artistry on the cross-channel stage.

Looking for a job

FORMER Newcastle manager Richard Dinnis, who recently resigned as manager of NASL club Philadelphia Fury, is on his way back to England... and looking for a job.

"I won't work abroad again," he says. "I will be hoping for a position as coach anywhere in Britain."

But why did Richard resign from Fury bottom of their section in the NASL?

"My reasons are private and personal. I agreed with the club to say no more than that."

HUTCHISON STAYING AT COVENTRY~

For the rest of his career

TOMMY Hutchinson, the Coventry and Scottish International winger, looks all set to finish his career with the Highfield Road Club — not that it is anywhere near over. But Hutchinson, who has had five

and a half years with Coventry, signed a new three-year contract in the close-season and manager Gordon Milne made it known that he values his service very highly.

"In a sense it's a reward for his five years with the club. He is a marvellous professional and last season was the best of his career," said Milne.

The tall and speedy Hutchinson started his career with Scottish club Alloa and moved on to Blackpool in February, 1968, for a giveaway £12,000.

When he was signed by Coventry in October, 1972, he cost £140,000 — and has proved he was worth every penny.

He played his 200th League game for The Sky Blues in November last year and must surely go on to notch another century.

Hutchinson did have one period in July, 1975, when he was unsettled at Highfield Road because he felt he wanted to join a more ambitious club.

Although Leeds, Arsenal and Tottenham and later Norwich were showing an interest in him he settled his differences with the club after talks with the understanding Milne and has since caused defences endless trouble as Coventry attempt to become a power in the land.



IN appreciation of their services to the club last season, Bristol City recently took two coachloads of programme sellers and gatemen to Blackpool for the day.

A special lunch was laid on for them at Blackpool's Bloomfield Road ground, and on the way home they stopped off at West Brom's social club.

HIGHLAND League club Inverness Clachnacuddin sold centre-forward Dave Shearer to Middlesbrough last season for £5,000. The 19-year-old Scot hit two great debut goals against Chelsea and has a fine future. The boy from Fort William will be seen at Inverness once again. Middlesbrough open a pre-season Scottish tour there on August 5.

THE Dublin branch of the Leeds United Supporters' Club has over 300 members. They ran five trips to Elland Road last season and recently presented Tony Currie with their Player of the Year Award.

The Club is now open for new members. Anyone wishing to join should write to the secretary Niall Martin, 33 Slievemore Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Albion's 'THREE JUST MEN'

WEST Bromwich Albion's jury system where players have power to fine their colleagues has been adopted by Motherwell. The jury will be the club captain and two senior professionals.

If a player gets sent-off, booked or even warned by the referee he will be called in front of the jury who will pass sentence. Naturally, if any of the "three just men" get in trouble the jury will be changed.

At Albion half of the fine goes to charity, the rest towards the club's Christmas dance. Motherwell, managed by former Birmingham centre-half Roger Hynd plan to do likewise.

THE AEK Club of Athens are negotiating to sign former Real Madrid star Alfredo di Stefano as their next manager.

NEWS DESK

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Bradford go for the best

BRADFORD CITY, who recently signed former Leeds and England full-back Paul Reaney on a free transfer, are looking for more new faces.

Manager John Napier is determined to get the Valley Paraders out of the Fourth Division next season.

"It's my intention to get the very best type of players available," he says. "I want quality players who can entertain our fans as well as get results."

LEICESTER City's brilliant young defender Steve Sims has had a cartilage operation. He was injured playing for England B on their recent Far East tour.

SOUTHPORT, the club who lost their Fourth Division status last season, have transferred Tommy O'Neill to Tranmere and keeper Tony Harrison to Carlisle. Manager Hugh Fisher is expected to take up a position in one of the Arab countries.

SURPRISE

MOTHERWELL's go-ahead boss Roger Hynd, got a nice surprise when he opened a letter post-marked Hong Kong that arrived at the club's Fir Park ground.

Inside was a cheque for £25 with the simple message: "Buy a ball for a first team match."

The welcome donation was from Roger's one-time colleague at Glasgow Rangers, Billy Semple, who is now a star in the colony.



FORMER Manchester United and England star Bobby Charlton recently selected the names of 31 footballers he considered all-time greats. His soccer aces are now part of the Ace Trump series, produced by Wiggins Teape (Toys and Crafts).

Bobby's selection may well cause some controversy because he has excluded three of England's greatest ever players, Stan Matthews, Tom Finney and Jimmy Greaves.

Why? Because Bobby insisted he included only footballers he has played against or seen play. Among those stars Bobby did choose are Gordon Banks, Bobby Moore, Alfredo di Stefano, George Best, Eusebio, Lev Yashin and Ferenc Puskas.



WHEN Aston Villa striker John Deehan married Linda Sherrif at Otton, near Solihull recently, some of his club-mates were on hand to wish them luck for the future.

The line-up here is, left-to-right, Jimmy Rimmer, Jake Finlay, Dennis Mortimer, Gordon Cowans, John Robson, Frank Carrodus, John Deehan, Linda Deehan, Leighton Phillips and Alex Cropley.

MULLERY'S PROBLEM

TRICKY problem for Brighton boss Alan Mullery as he prepares his plans for another First Division assault next season... how to keep four top class strikers happy as they fight for two positions.

England star Peter Ward looks certain to get one of the places and that leaves £100,000 former Cardiff ace Peter Sayer, £200,000 ex-Fulham star Teddy Maybank and ex-Hartlepool hustler Malcolm Poskett all fighting for the other spot.

Says Alan: "Yes, it is obviously going to be tricky with four top players fighting for places. But it's a problem a lot of managers would like to have with such a shortage of good strikers."

Fulham could make money selling Richard

FULHAM boss Bobby Campbell could treble his money if he ever decides to sell his England Under-21 midfielder star Richard Money.

Campbell "stole" him from Scunthorpe last November for £50,000 and has already turned down two offers from First Division clubs which have topped the £150,000 mark.

Says Bobby: "A lot of clubs watch him because he is aggressive and skilful and at 21 can obviously only get better. But we're not selling at any price."

Meanwhile, Liverpool, Everton, Arsenal and Derby are all ready to lead a cheque book chase if cash-conscious Fulham are forced to change their minds.

LAIRD WILLIE

YOUNG Hibs star, Willie Paterson, is living in a real Scots castle — temporarily. Willie was married after his team's Canadian tour to 21-year-old Mary Rafferty whose grandfather is a millionaire haulage contractor.

Until they find a home of their own the couple will live with Mary's grandfather in his 20-roomed castle near Kilsyth, Stirlingshire. Willie's father, John, is a former Hibs centre-half.

STUART IMLACH, the former Everton and Blackpool coach, has joined Bury in a similar capacity.

● **Sunderland** are the only North-East club to enter the Anglo/Scottish Cup for next season.

MEN AND MANAGERS ON THE MOVE

In spite of all interest in the World Cup there has been considerable activity in the English transfer market since the end of the past season. Here is a list of the moves up to the middle of June.

Stewart Barrowclough (Newcastle to Birmingham)
Les Barrett (Fulham to California Swifts)
Kenny Brown (Barnsley to Bournemouth)
Steve Chalk (Bournemouth to Charlton)
Martin Chivers (Servette (Switz) to Norwich)
Allan Clarke (Leeds U. to Barnsley, player-manager)
John Connolly (Birmingham to Newcastle)
Steve Davey (Hereford to Portsmouth)
Mike Doyle (Man. City to Stoke)
Steve Finnieston (Chelsea to Sheff. Utd.)
Paul Fletcher (Luton to Man. City)
John Hamilton (Rangers to Millwall)
John Hawley (Hull C. to Leeds U.)
Terry Hibbitt (Birmingham to Newcastle)
David Hughes (Aston V. to Lincoln C.)
Geoff Hutt (York to Halifax)
Bob Iles (Weymouth to Chelsea)
Nicky Johns (Millwall to Tampa Bay Rowdies)
Mick Kerslake (Fulham to Brighton)
Dave Latchford (Birmingham to Motherwell)
John McClelland (Bangor C. to Mansfield)
Jimmy McIlwraith (Bury to Portsmouth)
John Mitchell (Fulham to Millwall)
Paul Reaney (Leeds U. to Bradford C.)
Phil Roberts (Portsmouth to Hereford)
Pat Sharkey (Mansfield to Colchester)
Steve Sherlock (Man. City to Luton)
John Stirk (Ipswich to Watford)
Peter Stronach (Sunderland to York)
Chris Topping (York to Huddersfield)
Jimmy Walsh (Watford to York)
Brian Williams (Q.P.R. to Swindon)

MANAGERIAL CHANGES

Jock Stein (appointed to Celtic Board)
Billy McNeill (left Aberdeen to become Celtic manager)
Alex Ferguson (sacked by St. Mirren appointed manager Aberdeen)
Jock Wallace (resigned as Rangers manager to take over at Leicester)
John Greig (appointed manager of Rangers)
Bobby Smith (left Port Vale to become manager Swindon)
Dave Hutton (appointed player-manager of Bury)
Dennis Butler (promoted from asst-manager to manager Port Vale)
Mike Bailey (ex-Wolves appointed player-manager Hereford)
Allan Clarke (appointed player-manager of Barnsley)
Colin Addison (ex-Newport Co manager, appointed asst-manager West Brom)
Len Ashurst (appointed manager of Newport)
Terry Medwin (ex-Norwich coach appointed chief-coach to Swansea)
Bill Asprey (ex-Stoke C. appointed coach to Oxford U.)

SOCCER IN THE STATES

COOPER TOPS WITH KIDS

EIGHT years ago, Ken Cooper was a League reject playing for Northern League Fleetwood.

Today, at 32, he is one of the top goalkeepers in the NASL and one of the best known sporting figures in America.

It's not just because of his playing ability. He's signed up as youth representative for soft drinks firm Dr. Pepper, and sings and dances in a national television commercial for them.

Cooper, who had the best goalkeeping record in the States last season, has no intention of hanging up his gloves yet. But when he does, Pepper have a top salaried job lined up for him.

Cooper, who plays for Dallas Tornado, has made over 150 appearances in American soccer, a League record, and he also holds the record for the number of times he's kept a blank scoresheet — 49 so far.

For all that, he's best known over here for his work with kids, recognised by a special achievement award from the Dallas All-Sports Association in 1976.

He says: "I've always had time for kids because I think athletes have such a tremendous influence on them."

'MAD' MESSING

ALL goalkeepers are supposed to be a little mad. None has done more to earn that description than *Shep Messing*.

Messing, a Harvard graduate, is reported to be the highest paid American player with a \$100,000 contract with the Oakland Sionpers. For that, he not only keeps out the goals, he keeps his team-mates in laughs.

He has been known to keep goal while wearing sunglasses, once threw a team-mate out of a second floor window, ate a glass to win a bar-room bet, and has appeared nude in a centrespread of *Viva* magazine. He claimed, appropriately, that it gave American soccer its greatest national exposure.

Now Messing has a book coming out called "The Education of an American Soccer Player", which promises to be a hoot.

The 'keeper, who played for the Cosmos last season, used to play for a now defunct Boston side and recalls: "The guy who owned the team drove a Rolls-Royce and sold hot dogs at the game to get the money for our wages."

"We all bought hot dogs for our pre-game meal so that we would be sure of getting paid something. We also made it a point to come late to the games so we could hem in his Rolls. That way, he couldn't go anywhere before we had a chance to talk money."

"But the greatest thing was the way he financed away games. He always sold a player — and how good the player was depended on how far we had to go. If it was a long trip, he sold someone expensive."

"He would line us up at the airport and say 'Smith' or whoever, 'you've been sold to New York. The rest of you, on the plane'."

A HOME WIN FOR AZTECS

THE Los Angeles Aztecs finally managed their first win at home at the eighth time of asking, when they beat Rochester 3-0. It was also their first success under Tommy Smith.

A few more home wins may help the Aztecs solve their other big problem — lack of gates.

The attendances have dropped to 4,000 in a stadium which can hold 104,000. And on the night they played Rochester, American Soccer League rivals L.A. Skyhawks, got more fans in to their ground. They totalled 4,500.

FURY FINED

PHILADELPHIA Fury have been fined heavily by the NASL for not adhering to the rule that two American born players must be on the pitch for the whole of every game.

The Furies played for three and a half minutes of a game against Seattle with only one American on the field, after the other one had been substituted.

When they realised the mistake, the East Coast club put on a second American but Seattle, who lost 1-0, still protested to the League.

League Commissioner Phil Woosnam said he was sure that the then Philadelphia coach Richard Dinnis made a genuine mistake.

But he has warned other clubs that if they don't follow the rule, they face stronger punishment than a fine. They could be ordered to replay the match, or have the points transferred to the other side.

The NASL rejected another complaint by Minnesota Kicks over the handling of a shoot-out in Washington.



BRITAIN LEADS

SIX of the players in the NASL's recent top ten leading scorers' list are British.

Mike Flanagan of Charlton and New England, who missed the start of the season, is in second place with 29 points (13 goals and three assists).

Alan Willey (Minnesota) is next with 28 points. He has one more goal than Flanagan but hasn't managed a single assist.

Rodney Marsh (Tampa Bay) follows with 23 points (nine goals, five assists) and Jeff Bourne has the same amount from ten goals and three assists.

Kevin Hector has accumulated 21 points (nine goals, three assists), one ahead of Paul Cannell (eight and four).

Way ahead of the pack, though, is Giorgio Chinaglia (above), once of humble Cardiff, now of the mighty Cosmos. He has 41 points from 17 goals and seven assists.

MORE on that proposed transfer deal between the Cosmos and Alianza of Peru for World Cup striker Teofilo Cubillas.

The Cosmos have apparently agreed to a million dollars for the 29-year-old striker but some Peruvian commentators feel he is worth three times that amount.

We shot three hard-hitting questions at four experienced number ones . . .

'KEEPERS

SHOULD THERE BE AWARDS

DAVID HARVEY
(Leeds United)



GOALKEEPERS are entitled to receive awards — and a practical way in which a 'keeper could be judged superior to his rivals would be by the number of times he kept a clean sheet over a period of 30 games.

There is a drawback to the idea — a goalkeeper's team-mates may defend so effectively the work the 'keeper had to do could be reduced to a minimum. And speaking from personal experience, I know this is more than likely to happen.

For example, when Leeds United were enjoying a particularly good spell, there were matches when the opposition couldn't score — and this wasn't entirely due to my efforts.

In fact, not only the Leeds defenders, but on many occasions our forwards too, all helped, to give me a comparatively easy afternoon.

So a goalkeeper can remain unbeaten through a match without doing anything spectacular.

At the same time, judging a 'keeper by the number of goals scored against him is the only satisfactory way to rate him — there just isn't any other system by which a comparison can be made between goalkeepers.

It is different for forwards, of course, who score goals and these can be counted and an award given to the man who has the biggest goals' tally.

BARRY SIDDALL
(Sunderland)



I THINK the idea of giving awards to goalkeepers is a good one — if it could be made to work. But the awkward point about devising a system of merit marks for 'keepers lies in how the marks will be allocated.

When a goal is scored, there is no argument about it, and after the number of goals scored by various players is counted, the award goes to the top scorer. But if a panel of judges, say, was to tour the country in order to select a top goalkeeper, opinions would vary as to how to grade the men.

I believe the only way to do it would be by judging a 'keeper on his consistency, but even here there are snags. For example, the number of goals scored against a goalkeeper means nothing — the man who conceded the least number of goals may be playing behind a good defence. And a goalkeeper who conceded four goals in a match could have an outstanding game.

In addition the levels of consistency are difficult to evaluate, so it wouldn't be easy to choose one goalkeeper in preference to another. And the number of saves made wouldn't be a sound guide, because some of them would be comparatively easy.

People can argue all day about who is the best goalkeeper in the country, but nobody could dispute the award made to Bob Latchford for scoring 30 goals.

SHOULD PENALTY CONVERSIONS

GOALS all count, including those from a penalty-kick. Even when a goalscorer is given the job of taking the penalty to boost his total, his team-mates are not necessarily doing him a favour. With money involved, as in the case of Bob Latchford, taking a spot-kick puts a lot of pressure on the man entrusted with it.

BOB Latchford was helped, but only a little, by scoring penalty goals — but these are just as valid as an ordinary type of goal. Francis Lee, when with Manchester City, got a fair number of goals from penalties (including 13 League spot kicks in 1971-72), but a penalty goal is not a "gift" — the team awarded it has been attacking and deserves the benefit of a spot-kick when the opposing side commits a foul in the penalty-area.

Also, Lee often converted penalty-kicks which had been awarded for fouls on himself. If he hadn't been fouled, the chances were he might have scored anyway — so his goals from the spot were a just reward.

But any goal from a penalty deserves equal credit to an ordinary goal — and there is pressure on the man who takes the spot-kick.

ARE SAVES MADE OUTSIDE

IF a forward has to work hard for his award, the same applies to a goalkeeper. These days, teams look to their 'keepers to often act as an extra defender by coming out to tackle an opposing player outside the box.

It is another way of making a save, but as it involves a 'keeper having to challenge a player without using his hands, it is more difficult for him than making an ordinary save.

It's something the goalkeeper is not normally accustomed to doing, and he fully deserves credit for making a save with his feet instead of his hands.

WHEN a goalkeeper makes a tackle on an opposing forward outside the penalty-area, is this a save? Yes, I call it a save, because these days, teams are attacking more than in the Sixties, and a goalkeeper is almost expected to be a sweeper in some situations. It is an extension of his goalkeeping duties when he stands on the edge of the 18-yard line, ready to challenge a forward coming through.

ON THE SPOT

FOR GOAL-STOPPING?

YES, I'm definitely in favour of goalkeepers receiving awards for outstanding performances, in the same way that newspaper awards are made to forwards for scoring goals. And in the case of goalkeepers, I think the 'keeper who conceded the least number of goals over a period, say 35 games, should fully earn recognition.

Even if some of the matches he played in were easy for him, it doesn't alter the fact that by letting in fewer goals than anyone else, a 'keeper would be doing a first-class job.

After all, a man such as Dai Davies proved his value to Wrexham by playing an important part in his team's promotion last season — goalkeeping is a specialised job, involving its share of pressure, and one slip can spell disaster to a 'keeper, so I believe he is as entitled to an award.

Of course, a player who is a goalscorer has to work for his goals, though a goalkeeper works in a different way — but it would be difficult to grade him on the way he handled crosses or for his ability in general.

The English First Division is full of good goalkeepers, and giving them marks for every aspect of their game would be rather complicated. As I've said, the 'keeper who is best at frustrating centre-forwards consistently deserves some acclaim for his talent.

ALEX STEPNEY
(Manchester United)



I'M ALL in favour of centre-forwards or strikers getting awards for goalscoring performances — and although I'm not against goalkeepers receiving similar recognition for stopping goals, there are certain difficulties involved.

For example, putting the ball into the net is a very positive, very definite, thing. A goal is awarded, and the man who has scored it receives due mention in the newspapers or on television or radio.

But it's not always to define what is a good save by a goalkeeper — opinions can vary, and the save itself may be given very little or no publicity by the media.

In the World Cup game between Peru and Scotland, a penalty-kick taken by Don Masson was stopped by goalkeeper Ramon Quiroga, and this had a crucial effect on the match.

The score stood at 1-1 at the time of the spot-kick and Quiroga's save was vital to his side — but if a goal had been scored from the penalty and won the game for Scotland, the scorer would have received much more publicity than the goalkeeper.

And Quiroga's save, important though it was, may just have been classed as an ordinary one by some fans. Which is why I believe the giving of awards to goalkeepers poses too many problems.

DAI DAVIES
(Wrexham)



CONTINUE TO RANK AS GOALS?

WHEN a centre-forward is chasing a goals-target, he can increase his tally by taking penalty-kicks, and I think he is entitled to be duly credited with a goal from the spot.

And if he is not the regular spot-kick man, it just amounts to him being given an "extra bite at the cherry" — which is understandable under the circumstances.

THE question of whether or not a goal scored from a penalty should receive the same amount of credit as a run-of-the-mill goal, I think it should.

It is punishment for an offence committed by the offending team — and the penalty-kick taker still has the task of putting the ball into the net.

THE BOX 'NORMAL'?

AS with a striker scoring from the penalty-spot a goalkeeper who tackles a forward outside the penalty-area can consider he is just carrying out one of his duties — in some teams he is used as an extra "sweeper", but it's all part of a 'keeper's job.

WHICHEVER way a goal is scored, the scorer can be credited with it — but it is much harder to credit goalkeepers with an accomplishment.

Take the situation in which a goalkeeper makes a tackle on a forward outside the box. There is the question on whether this comes into the category of a normal save — and I say it does. In running 18 yards to check the forward, the 'keeper has used his judgment to assess a dangerous move by the other side — it is part of his job. And overall, a goalkeeper's job is so complex that it would be difficult to judge on just what aspect of his game marks could be given and an award made.

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RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer

WHEREVER I go this close season, the people I meet invariably congratulate me on my part in Liverpool's second successive European Cup win. A feat unique in British football.

And then they go on to ask questions about the club: its traditions, players and officials past and present — in fact, just about everything and everyone connected with Merseyside's greatest club.

For this week's column I thought I'd feature some items of general interest which have cropped up in recent conversations.

The first concerns our reserves, a side many Football League sides would like to have as their first team.

One of the favourite jokes of our former manager, Bill Shankly — Shanks — was that Merseyside had two football teams. Liverpool and Liverpool reserves!

No apologies to Everton!

Under my best friend at the club, Roy Evans — a great manager in the making, I believe — the Central League Championship trophy almost became a fixture in our club trophy room.

I say "almost" because it now resides at Manchester City, who topped the table, consigning Roy's reserves to the same runners-up spot the first team finished in, behind Nottingham Forest.

They had a disastrous end-of-season run, losing four out of the last six games, a very unusual happening at Liverpool.

However, they have been Champions nine times in the past eleven seasons, a creditable record, and the setback will see them redoubling their efforts to regain the title next season.

That extra incentive will particularly benefit the development of

'New signing Graeme Souness scored two valuable League goals'

those pushing for first team places.

For instance, Sammy Lee, a local-born lad who made two League appearances, scoring a goal against Leicester in our win at Anfield, last season.

Sammy, an England Youth cap, is an unspectacular player in the Ian Callaghan mould, operating in mid-field, an area in which we are at present well-served by Graeme Souness, Terry McDermott and Ray Kennedy.

So it's especially difficult for him to make the breakthrough, although we know that when he gets the call he'll never let us down.

In contrast to Sammy's consistency, striker Trevor Birch's tremendous natural ability is still marred by erratic finishing. However, he is improving this aspect of his



'Only two teams in Liverpool — both at Anfield'

game, schooling himself to become calmer when he finds himself with the ball in front of goal in a shooting position.

Trevor collected around 16 goals and will be pushing hard for a first team place.

Another promising reserve who'll be keeping first teamers on their toes is Colin Irwin, a back-four man strong in the tackle and capable of not only stopping goals but scoring them, too.

Because of the toe injury sustained by Tommy Smith, which disapproved his "Iron Man" nickname — he accidentally dropped a sledgehammer on his foot — Colin

won a place on the substitutes' bench in the European Cup Final versus Bruges at Wembley, which we won with a goal from Kenny Dalglish.

This brings me to a question asked by many people I meet: how many goals did our £440,000 signing from Celtic amass in his first season for Liverpool?

He finished with a total of 31 — 20 in the League and 11 in other competitions — ahead of Davey Fairclough, who made considerably fewer appearances, yet scored ten and five respectively.

The other major new signing, Graeme Souness, got two valuable

League goals.

For those readers who collect statistics, our biggest win of the season was when we thrashed Kevin Keegan's West German club, Hamburger SV, by 6-0 at Anfield to take the European Super Cup, and the most goals we conceded in games were four — against Chelsea when they dealt us our first-ever knockout in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup, and in our League defeat by Derby County at the Baseball Ground.

Our highest home gate was 51,668, against Everton in October, for a game that finished goalless; our highest away 75,000, when we defeated Portuguese Champions Benfica 2-1 in the European Cup Quarter-Finals in their Stadium of the Eagles in Lisbon.

Aggregate home gate figure in the League was 864,310, a figure only beaten by Manchester United I'm sure. And the average home gate, 45,490.

We finished the season behind Nottingham Forest with these figures: (Home) P 42, W 15, D 4, L 2, F 37, A 11, (Away) W 9, D 5, L 7, F 28, A 23, Pts 57.

And for some of our diehard supporters the fact we were ahead of Everton gave them as much satisfaction as our second European Cup win. Yes, the rivalry on Merseyside is that intense!

What have I been doing during the close season? Mainly acting as a TV commentator during the World Cup Finals in Argentina.

You don't recall seeing me on either BBC or ITV? That's because I was doing my stuff on the small

screen thousands of miles away on the other side of the World, in Australia.

I was invited over, with my family — wife Vee, our two daughters and son — for a working holiday we all enjoyed immensely. It was my first stint on TV, and according to reports I went down well with the Aussie fans. I'll tell you more about it in a future column.

My experience on local radio, Radio City, last season stood me in good stead, helping me overcome any nervousness.

John Toshack used to do programmes with Duncan McKenzie of Everton, and when Tosh departed to Swansea, I was asked to take his place.

It was a new venture for me, but I didn't hesitate as I'd always fancied myself as a D.J.

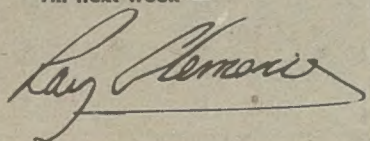
The programme had a simple format. Chat between Dunc and myself — the Liverpool-Everton rivalry being the main topic — some records with dedications — and an interview with a notable, usually from the world of sport, and not necessarily a footballer.

After a mid-week match, we often featured an interview with someone involved. When Liverpool beat Benfica in the second-leg of the European Cup Quarter-Final I taped-up a chat with the Portuguese club's manager, John Mortimore.

Duncan is a very easy person to work with, as he has a ready wit and is never short of something to say. If ever I was in danger of "drying-up", as I was when I started, he'd step in and rescue me, save me from that embarrassing silence every broadcaster dreads.

Time to sign-off now. I'm still suffering from jet-lag after that long, long flight from Down Under.

Till next week —



'Our biggest win — against Kevin Keegan's club'



WAS GREAVES

We examine the leading goalscorers since the



JIMMY GREAVES

BOB LATCHFORD'S performance in winning a £10,000 prize for scoring 30 League goals in the First Division added the final touch to what had already been an exciting season. The Daily Express/adidas venture in putting forward the money deserved the publicity it received.

The name of the game is goals and it is the prospect of goals that attracts spectators to our major sport. But a closer study of our chart at the end of this feature shows that breaking the 30-goal barrier in the First Division was long overdue.

It was in the first season after World War One that the First Division was increased to 22 clubs and the 42 match programme that has become part and parcel of life in the First and Second Division.

Yet as the great names of the past leaders like Charlie Buchan, Dixie Dean, Pongo Waring, Ted Drake and Tommy Lawton share the glory of the inter-War seasons, a more recent name deserves a special mention.

Whichever way you look at Jimmy Greaves' goalscoring record, one achievement can never be taken away from him, all of his 357 League goals in 517 games were scored in the First Division.

Unique

Many of England's goalscorers of the past had begun their League apprenticeship in a lower Division, or as the legs slowed down and the reflexes took longer to click moved down a grade to get another few years out of their ageing bodies.

Greaves was a scoring genius. His record for England speaks for itself — in 57 internationals he netted 44 goals. His knack of scoring at every level in a debut is well known. But let us look at another of Greaves' unique contributions to English football. No other player has equalled his record of being top scorer of the First Division on five occasions outright and a sixth season shared with another player.

As Bob Latchford deservedly won praise last season for hitting the 30 goal barrier, Greaves will be permitted a quiet smile. In four of those six seasons at the top, Jimmy topped 30 goals. While his 41 League goals for Chelsea in 1960-61 was the top score in the First Division since Ted Drake netted 42 for Arsenal in 1934-35.

What do we blame for the scoring decline? Do we just shrug our shoulders and put it down to modern defensive tactics? It is a fact of course that cannot be ignored.

Or are players with the natural ability to take a chance having it coached out of them? Let us illustrate a point from the 1978 World Cup in Argentina.

As a forward banged the ball



DIXIE DEAN

into the net from well outside the box for a spectacular goal, Brian Clough, on the ITV panel, commented: "He should never have scored. I always tell my players to take the ball into the penalty-area before they try a shot at goal."

This from one of the finest scorers in the game until injured and now a manager universally admired for the attack-minded sides he always builds up.

Where also are the great characters of former years? Where now do you hear stories about present stars like the ones that have been passed down the years about the great Dixie Dean.

Until the day comes when robots take the place of footballers, Dean's record of 60 League goals in a season is as safe as gold in Fort Knox.

Like the famous rivalry that existed between Dean and Liverpool goalkeeper Elisha Scott but who were good friends off the field. The legend says that Dean was walking down Liverpool's Lime Street when he met Scott coming up the road towards him. Dixie nodded his head in greeting and Elisha dived full-length on the pavement!

It is true that before each derby game in Liverpool, Dean sent Scott a small bottle of aspirin the night before the match with the message: "Have a good sleep. I'll be around tomorrow."

Before Chelsea built their new stand that has proved such a burden, they had a weather-vane on the old grandstand that was modelled on George 'Gatling Gun' Hillsdon.

Hilsdon got his nickname from the way he shot like bullets with either foot and at the time the Gatling gun was the answer to the modern machine-gun.

A successor to Dixie Dean at Everton was Tommy Lawton. Like Dean, Lawton was deadly with his head. One of the finest sights in

THE GREATEST?

re-organisation of the Football League's First Division.

football was seeing Lawton leaping to meet a centre and he seemed to hover in the air until he connected with the ball.

Early post-War scorers had their characters too. Ronnie Rooke who at the age of 35 was signed from Fulham by the then relegation threatened Arsenal side of 1946-47. Rooke scored 21 League goals in 24 games and saved the High-bury club and the following season was the First Division top scorer with 33 goals.

Those who saw him reckon that Stan Mortensen was one of the fastest forwards ever. The sight of Mortensen in the tangerine shirt of Blackpool or the white of England was a memorable one as he tore for goal.

Mortensen had a thunderous shot and a manager once asked his goalkeeper why he failed to stop a Mortensen drive. The 'keeper replied. "Stop it. You must be joking. It took me all my time to get out of the way of the ball."

Mortensen is also credited with the last hat-trick scored in an F.A. Cup Final, against Bolton in 1953, although some records still give one of his goals to a Bolton defender.



RONNIE ROOKE

Bolton's Nat Lofthouse won his nickname of 'Lion of Vienna' after his brave performance in England's 3-2 victory over Austria in the city of the waltz in May, 1952, when Nat scored twice.

Then there was John Charles, the great Welsh player who is still very welcome in Italy after he had played for Juventus in the 1950's. The Italians nicknamed John 'The Gentle Giant'.

Charles not only led the First Division goalscorers in the 1956-57 season, but he was also a top class centre-back, a position many experts believe was his best.

But all of the post-War top scorers will be well remembered as household names now — bar perhaps three.

The first may be Johnny Nicholls. A fair-haired inside-forward who was signed by West Bromwich from Army football and made his League debut in 1951.

Johnny had a fine partnership with Ronnie Allen at West Bromwich and he went on to win two England caps and an F.A. Cup winner's medal in the 1953-54 season which also saw him joint top-scorer in the First Division with 29 goals.

The player Nicholls shared the record with was Jimmy Glazzard of Huddersfield Town. Glazzard had also hit 30 goals the previous season as Huddersfield swept to promotion to Division One and Glazzard was to be a regular scorer for Huddersfield for some time.

It is also a reminder how fortunes change in football. The 1953-54 season that Glazzard shared top spot as top First Division goalscorer, Huddersfield had finished third and only six points behind Champions Wolverhampton Wanderers. Last season (1977-78) saw them in 11th spot in the Fourth Division.

Andy McEvoy is another name that may not be as well remembered as some. But it was McEvoy's 29 First Division goals in 1964-65 that stopped Jimmy Greaves having a clean sweep as



RON DAVIES

top scorer again that season, instead Greaves had to be content with a joint first.

McEvoy's team Blackburn Rovers finished 1964-65 in tenth position in Division One and McEvoy who had joined Rovers from Bray Wanderers in 1956 was an inside-forward — although the Republic of Ireland, who capped him 17 times, preferred him in a midfield role. Even that did not stop McEvoy scoring six goals for his country.

When Welsh international Ron Davies scored 37 League goals in the First Division for Southampton in 1966-67 little were we to know that in the following 11 seasons only twice was the 30 goal barrier to be broken.

Davies himself had a brave attempt to reach 30 goals the following season though, he finished with 28, the same total as that wayward genius George Best who was then starring for Manchester United.

From Davies' 37 goals in 1966-

67, four seasons were to pass before we saw 30 goals again scored by a player in the First Division. Then Francis Lee scored 33, but against that total is the fact that 13 were penalties and the stocky, popular figure of the Manchester City striker, later to play for Derby County, won the nickname 'One Lee Pen' for his ability to score from the 12 yard spot.

Two years later came a record low in 1973-74 when for the first time since the First Division was increased in 1919 the top scorer could only reach 21 goals. It was Mike Channon of Southampton who scored that total and things did not improve the following term when Malcolm Macdonald was top again with 21 goals.

It was for the start of the 1975-76 season that the Daily Express decided to try and add interest to the goal chase. They offered a £10,000 prize for the first player to reach 30 goals in First or Second Division.

Derek Hales, then with Second Division Charlton Athletic, came within two of the target when he got 28. But the First Division top marksman was Ted MacDougall, then with Norwich City, with 23 goals.

Season 1976-77 again saw the First Division total edge up, this time it was 25 with Malcolm Macdonald (Arsenal) and Andy Gray (Aston Villa) sharing that total. Mickey Walsh (Blackpool) scored 26 in the Second Division.

Sportswear manufacturers adidas joined forces with the Daily Express for the 1977-78 season and Bob Latchford clinched the award in his final game of the season when Everton crushed Chelsea 6-0 at Goodison Park with Latchford scoring twice. The first his (29th) coming from the penalty-spot and getting his 30th in the 78th minute of the game.

Bob Latchford has led the way back. Now supporters everywhere will be hoping that trend continues in an upward spiral again this season.

TOP FIRST DIVISION SCORERS SINCE 1919-20

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|---------|---------------------------|----|---------|-------------------------------|----|---------|---------------------------|----|
| 1919-20 | F. Morris (W.B.A.) | 37 | 1938-39 | T. Lawton (Everton) | 35 | 1962-63 | J. Greaves (Tottenham H.) | 37 |
| 1920-21 | J. Smith (Bolton W) | 38 | 1946-47 | D. Westcott (Wolves) | 37 | 1963-64 | J. Greaves (Tottenham H.) | 35 |
| 1921-22 | A. Wilson (Middlesbrough) | 31 | 1947-48 | R. Rooke (Arsenal) | 33 | 1964-65 | A. McEvoy (Blackburn R.) | 29 |
| 1922-23 | C. Buchan (Sunderland) | 30 | 1948-49 | W. Moir (Bolton W.) | 25 | | J. Greaves (Tottenham H.) | 29 |
| 1923-24 | W. Chadwick (Everton) | 28 | 1949-50 | D. Davis (Sunderland) | 25 | 1965-66 | R. Hunt (Liverpool) | 30 |
| 1924-25 | F. Roberts (Man. City) | 31 | 1950-51 | S. Mortensen (Blackpool) | 30 | 1966-67 | R. Davies (Southampton) | 37 |
| 1925-26 | E. Harper (Blackburn R) | 43 | 1951-52 | G. Robledo (Newcastle U.) | 33 | 1967-68 | G. Best (Man. Utd.) | 28 |
| 1926-27 | J. Trotter (Sheff. Wed.) | 37 | 1952-53 | C. Wayman (Preston N.E.) | 24 | | R. Davies (Southampton) | 28 |
| 1927-28 | W. Dean (Everton) | 60 | 1953-54 | J. Glazzard (Huddersfield T.) | 29 | 1968-69 | J. Greaves (Tottenham H.) | 27 |
| 1928-29 | D. Halliday (Sunderland) | 43 | | J. Nicholls (W.B.A.) | 29 | 1969-70 | J. Astle (W.B.A.) | 25 |
| 1929-30 | V. Watson (West Ham) | 41 | 1954-55 | R. Allen (W.B.A.) | 27 | 1970-71 | A. Brown (W.B.A.) | 28 |
| 1930-31 | T. Waring (Aston Villa) | 49 | 1955-56 | N. Lofthouse (Bolton W.) | 33 | 1971-72 | F. Lee (Man. City) | 33 |
| 1931-32 | W. Dean (Everton) | 44 | 1956-57 | J. Charles (Leeds U.) | 38 | 1972-73 | B. Robson (West Ham) | 28 |
| 1932-33 | J. Bowers (Derby Co) | 35 | 1957-58 | R. Smith (Tottenham H.) | 36 | 1973-74 | M. Channon (Southampton) | 21 |
| 1933-34 | J. Bowers (Derby Co) | 35 | 1958-59 | J. Greaves (Chelsea) | 33 | 1974-75 | M. Macdonald (Newcastle) | 21 |
| 1934-35 | E. Drake (Arsenal) | 42 | 1959-60 | D. Viollet (Man. Utd.) | 32 | 1975-76 | E. MacDougall (Norwich) | 23 |
| 1935-36 | W. G. Richardson (W.B.A.) | 39 | 1960-61 | J. Greaves (Chelsea) | 41 | 1976-77 | A. Gray (Aston Villa) | 25 |
| 1936-37 | F. Steel (Stoke C.) | 33 | 1961-62 | R. Crawford (Ipswich T.) | 33 | | M. Macdonald (Arsenal) | 25 |
| 1937-38 | T. Lawton (Everton) | 38 | | D. Kevan (W.B.A.) | 33 | 1977-78 | R. Latchford (Everton) | 30 |

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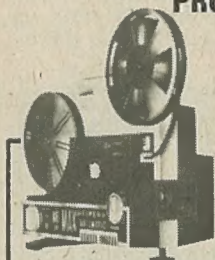
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Paul Power (above) likes to go forward and have a crack at goal. Peter Barnes (below) scores Manchester City's third goal at Maine Road in the 1975-76 League Cup Semi-Final. Paul played in both Semi-Final games but was dropped for the Final.

ANYWHERE along the left side—that's where Paul Power, Manchester City's 24-year-old exciting midfielder player, loves to parade his eye catching talent.

"I usually wear the number six or 11 shirt," he says, "but numbers don't mean a thing unless I'm playing at left-back. My ideal position is midfield. I prefer to go forward as much as possible and to break quickly from deep in the middle of the park."

And it was from such a situation that Paul, a wearer of contact lenses and a scorer of great goals, notched the one that gave him most pleasure.

Paul played 32 out of the 42 League games last term and about the same number the year before — his breakthrough season. So how does he regard himself?

"I'd say I was a regular member of the first team squad," he told SHOOT! "There was a period last term when I played 20 consecutive games until Christmas, then I was out through injury. I lost my spot to England star Colin Bell. It was a bit of a struggle after that, but once I regained my place the boss, Tony Book, kept me in."

"I find him a quiet man, but if things are going wrong, then he'll speak up. He's not afraid to leave

Manchester born Paul has always been a City fan and it was during his schooldays that the influence started.

"The games teacher, Dennis Howells, who used to be a professional footballer, helped me a lot," he says, "and in the game itself Dave Ewing, the reserve team coach, kept up the momentum."

"I admire any player with a fighting characteristic — people with the will to win, like Billy Bremner and Asa Hartford. For me the attitude is the most important factor."

"Then there's Steve Heighway. I think he's a great player. He gets

PAUL the new POWER of Manchester City

big name players out of the side and to give the younger element a chance. He links well with coach Bill Taylor."

City won the League Cup during the 1975-76 campaign beating Newcastle 2-1 and Paul played in both Semi-Finals against Middlesbrough.

"The second-leg was my most memorable match when we triumphed 4-0 at Maine Road," he says. "I didn't play in the Final at Wembley and obviously it was a bitter disappointment. Tony Book said he was relying more on experience and he played Asa Hartford, Tommy Booth and Alan Oakes in the middle."

How did last season go for Paul and City?

"Personally I probably played as well as I've ever done. I'm learning all the time. But for City I think it was disappointing. We didn't reach the later stages of any important competitions and we finished fifth in the Championship race when people expected us to do better."

"When things are going well, then the fans are great, they get behind you. The gates increased last term and it looks as though they'll improve again for 1978-79 if season ticket sales are anything to go by. We've got an average gate of around 44,000 now."

"Mike Channon has taken some stick since he came, but he's playing in a strange role. I think he's fitted in well."

"Asa Hartford is the inspirational force. He's the kingpin of the midfield and everything stems from him."

to the bye line and he whips his crosses in, which is what I try to do."

Where is the weakness in the Paul Power make up?

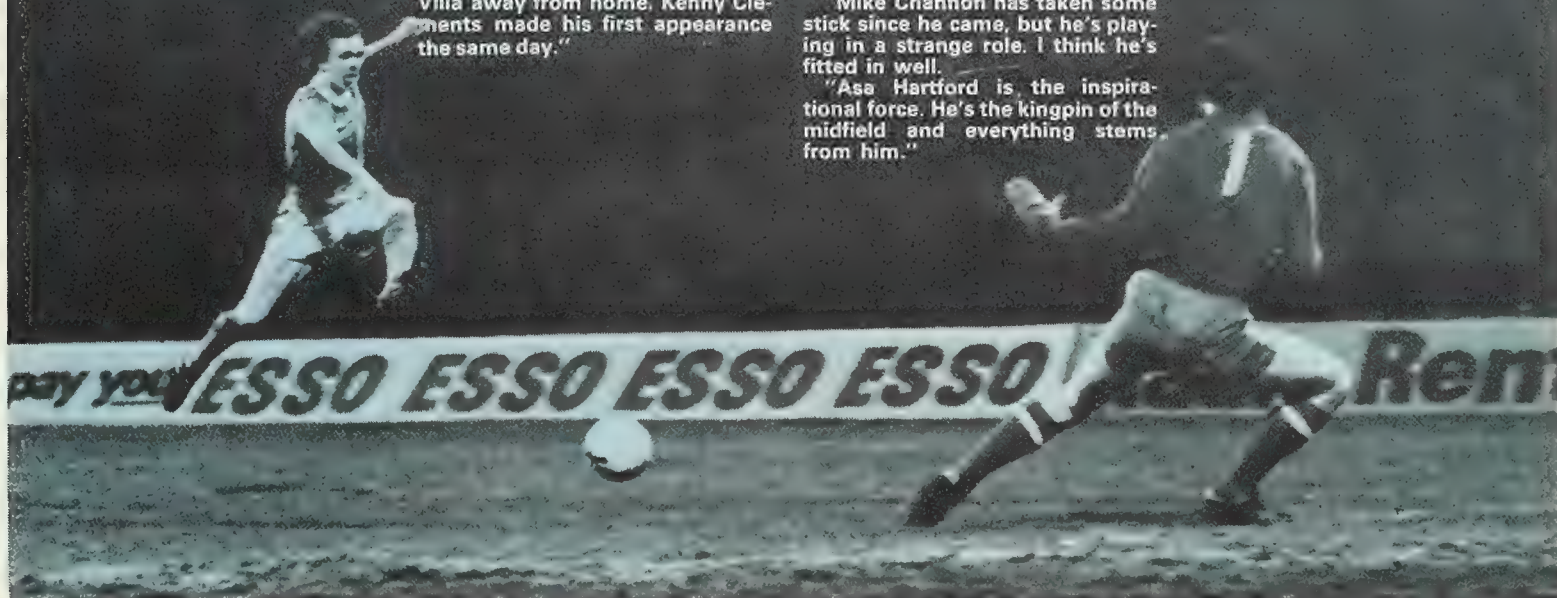
"I think it's true to say that I probably lack that extra bit of confidence, especially on the ball. I tend to rush and snap at things. It's something that will improve naturally. It's an over desire to keep my first team place."

"When that time comes I'll be able to settle down and concentrate on playing my football. If you're never sure of being in the side, then you're never confident enough to do the things that you'd like to do."

"I'm doing the simple things too often when I could possibly hold the ball a few seconds longer and try to create something from my own ability."

"I know that I'm surrounded by a lot of big names, but that doesn't affect me. After all, I've been with them a long time now."

"I think the ambition of most English footballers is to play in the National side and I'm no exception. But just for the moment a regular first team spot at Maine Road will suit me fine."



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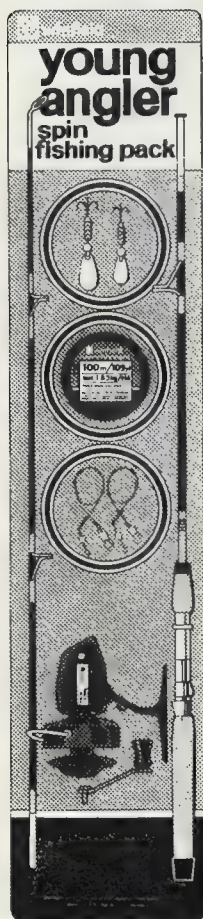
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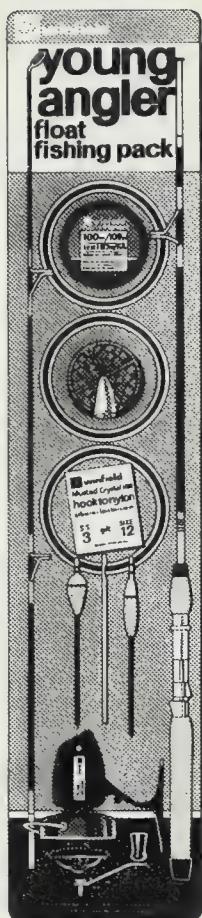
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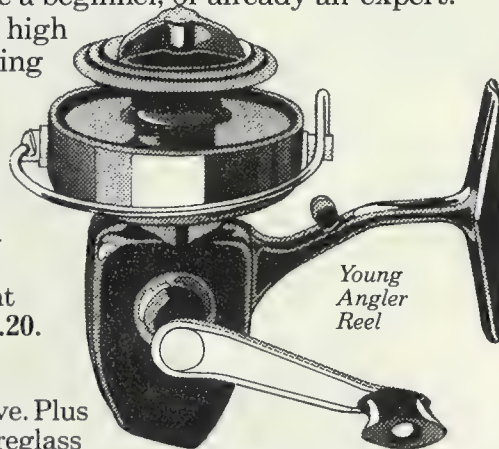
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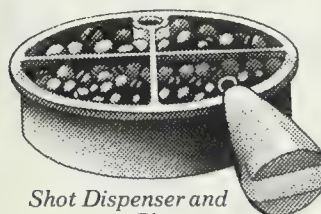
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PRE-SEASON training ... the most dreaded words in soccer to some players and while the hard slog is far more enjoyable than it used to be ... I doubt if many footballers will really like the next four weeks or so.

Modern coaching makes pre-season work far more varied than it was in the past. Nevertheless, there are some things you just can't alter and running a four-mile cross-country in, perhaps, baking sunshine is one of them!

Generally speaking I've not done a great deal during the close-season. I left the England squad after the Hungary game on May 24th and since then I've done a few body exercises, some runs and, more than anything, watched what I eat.

I reckon if I let myself go — that's to say, ate normally with the usual amount of bread, chips etc. — I'd put on the best part of a stone during the summer.

I hope to go back at around 11 stone and by the time we kick-off against Everton at Stamford Bridge in mid-August to be just under that weight.

It's not particularly easy to be the odd one out, especially on holiday when everyone lets themselves go, but it's something I'm used to and accept.

I remember two years ago one of the Chelsea players — I'll spare his blushes and not name him! — went back dreadfully over-weight and he was told in no uncertain terms that he had to slim down quickly other-

'Chelsea's "CAT"

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wise he'd face a fine.

Most players report back in good shape, though. A few of the lads play squash throughout the summer, while Peter Bonetti is very keen on tennis.

'Catty' is unbelievable. He's the oldest player on our books, but also the fittest. In fact, there can't be many sportsmen in better shape than Peter.

I believe he does a series of exercises every morning and every night on top of his usual training. He's Chelsea's cross-country Champion and you won't find an ounce of fat on him.

Our first day back is not normally too bad. Our weight is checked and we'll do a few sprints and play a five-a-side.

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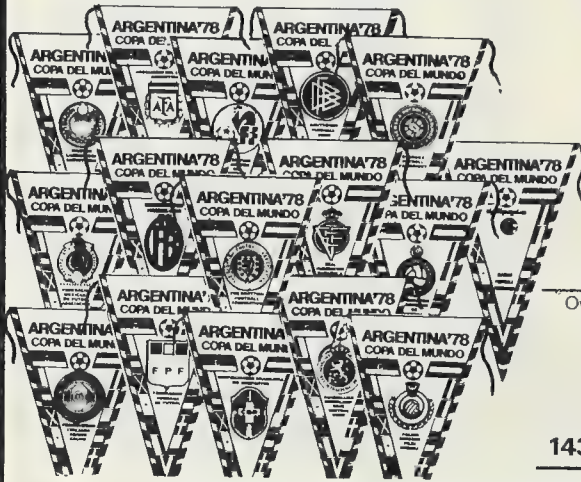
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The same can't be said of the afternoon, when we'll be working on our stamina.

Actually, I've always felt the sessions should be reversed, with the physical training in the morning and the technical side later on. This way, at least the players would have something to look forward to. As it is, the mornings are somewhat spoilt by the prospect of what's to follow!

Pre-season training is basically intended to give you back your stamina. It takes me the full four or five weeks to feel 100 per cent fit again and I must be honest and admit I can't stand the sprints.

I suppose everyone is bad at something and sprinting has never been my strong point. I usually run with Ray Lewington, who's about my speed — slow!

ABOVE LEFT . . . Ray and Chelsea's veteran goalkeeper Peter Bonetti share a joke during a training session last season. Although Bonetti is the oldest player on the Stamford Bridge books he also holds the record as being the fittest. **LEFT . . .** Chelsea's brilliant young winger, Clive Walker is The Blues fastest player.

Naturally I try my hardest, yet somehow I don't think I'll ever be a Clive Walker, probably the fastest player at Chelsea.

The "doggies" are the worst. Two poles are placed not too far apart but we have to do a series of sprints between them . . . three times.

The first lot may take 20 seconds, the second about 22 or 23 and the third . . . well, in my case around 30 seconds! These are repeated and our times carefully checked. When we're all fit, most of the lads do times of, say, 20, 21 and 23 seconds.

I don't mind the cross-country runs quite as much. Sometimes we simply lap the field, but either way we usually clock-up three or four miles, which can be uncomfortable if the weather is sticky. I'll never forget that "freak" summer of 1976 when the temperature was in the 80's for most of pre-season!

We used to have a "multigym" with all the equipment, yet now we prefer to do our exercises outside. Body exercises can be painful at

first, if you're not accustomed to them, but there's no doubt regular exercises like sit-ups strengthen your stomach muscles and help your breathing.

Slowly, but surely we become fitter and after a couple of weeks most teams go away somewhere for match practice.

Chelsea tend to go to Sweden, where the facilities are good and the standard of opposition not so fierce as to dent your confidence with a comprehensive victory.

We normally take a few youngsters with us and away from the public eye we can try out new players without too much pressure on them.

New formations, too, are often experimented with — you never know, you may hit on a system which could benefit you in the League.

Pre-season games are taken fairly seriously. The last thing a side wants is to lose to inferior opposition — if you lose to them, how are you going to do against Liverpool or Forest?

Setback

Some clubs go to West Germany, although the Germans have usually been back in training a little longer than us and again there is the chance of a setback with a defeat.

Chelsea tend to give 100 per cent. for the first 60 or 70 minutes in warm-up games, gradually building up as we go along. Against Scandinavian sides you can normally win without going flat out for the full 90 minutes.

By the time the League kick-off arrives we'll all be fully fit again. After that, we need just one very hard day's training a week to tick over.

English clubs play so many games — there are midweek games nearly every week during the Autumn — that once our stamina is "in the bank" we don't need to slog every day in training.

Just one really hard work-out each week, plus playing, keeps us at our peak.

The other days during the week are spent concentrating on coaching rather than training.

It is possible to over-train. If you push yourself too much, pulled muscles and other niggly injuries can be sustained, but coaches are so professional these days they know exactly the level of fitness required and how to ensure players reach — and maintain — this.

Pre-season training! With so much football during the summer, soccer hardly seems to have stopped but here we are again looking forward to another season already!

Join me again in two weeks,

Ray Lewington

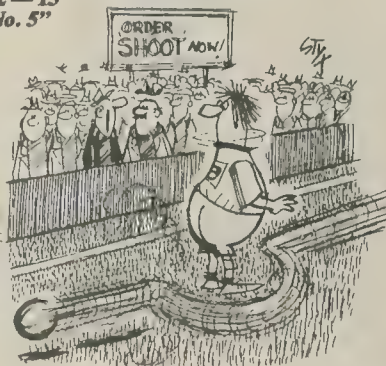
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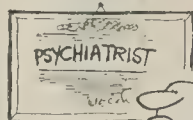
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GROUP ONE

**France 1
Italy 2**
(in Mar del Plata)

Bernard Lacombe (right), scored after 31 seconds to give France a well-deserved lead. In an entertaining match Italy fought back to win with goals from Rossi and Zaccarelli.



FRANCE: Bertrand-Demanes; Janvion, Tresor, Rio, Bossis, Michel, Guillou, Platini, Dalgua, Lacombe, Six. Subs: Berdoli for Lacombe, Rouyer for Six.

ITALY: Zoff; Gentile, Cabrini, Benetti, Bellugi, Scirea, Causio, Tardelli, Rossi, Antognoni, Bettiga. Sub: Zaccarelli for Antognoni.

Italy 3 Hungary 1
(in Mar del Plata)

Italy's Rossi (below) opened the account with a fine shot. Within a minute Bettiga added another. Italy's third was scored easily by Benetti from 18 yards. Hungary, short of three

of their best players, showed a brief flash of fighting spirit after Toth scored from the penalty-spot 15 minutes from the end.



ITALY: Zoff; Gentile, Bellugi, Scirea, Cabrini, Tardelli, Benetti, Antognoni, Causio, Rossi, Bettiga. Subs: Cuccureddu for Cabrini and Graziani for Bettiga.

HUNGARY: Meszaros; Martos, Kocsis, Kerek, J. Toth, Csapo, Pinter, Zombori, Pusztai, Fazekas, Nagy. Subs: A. Toth for Fazekas and Halasz for Nagy.



**Hungary 1
Argentina 2**
(in Buenos Aires)

Host nation Argentina beat Hungary in their first match of the tournament despite going a goal down from Csapo. Luque equalised and then in the 82nd minute Bertoni scored the winner.

ARGENTINA: Fillol; Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Valencia, Houseman, Luque, Kempes. Subs: Alonso for Valencia, Bertoni for Houseman.

HUNGARY: Gujdar; Torok, Kerek, Kocsis, Toth, Nyilasi, Pinter, Zombori, Csapo, Torocsik, Nagy. Sub: Martos for Torok.

**France 3
Hungary 1**
(in Mar del Plata)

France bowed out of the tournament in superb style, with three goals in the first-half. Lopez scored the first, Berdoli the second. Hungary hit back through Zombori, but France restored their two-goal lead thanks to this effort from Rocheteau.



FRANCE: Dropsy; Janvion, Lopez, Tresor, Bracci, Petit, Bathenay, Papi, Rocheteau, Berdoli, Rouyer. Subs: Platini for Papi and Six for Rocheteau.

HUNGARY: Gujdar; Martos, Balint, Kerek, J. Toth, Nyilasi, Pinter, Zombori, Pusztai, Torocsik, Nagy. Sub: Csapo for Nagy.

**Argentina 2
France 1**
(in Buenos Aires)

A tremendously exciting game that no team deserved to lose. On the stroke of half-time Passarella gave Argentina the lead from the penalty-spot. After early pressure from the French, Platini (right), scored their equaliser. But 15 minutes from time Luque scored to beat France.



ARGENTINA: Fillol; Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Valencia, Houseman, Luque, Kempes. Subs: Alonso for Valencia, Bertoni for Houseman.

FRANCE: Bertrand-Demanes; Batistoni, Lopez, Tresor, Bossis, Michel, Platini, Bathenay, Rocheteau, Lacombe, Six. Sub: Baratelli for Bertrand-Demanes.

Italy 1 Argentina 0
(in Mar del Plata)

Many people thought this match would be a rehearsal for the World Cup Final itself. A

draw would have put Italy into a weaker final group, but that wasn't to be. In the 67th minute Bettiga (left) scored the winning goal for Italy.



ARGENTINA: Fillol; Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Valencia, Bertoni, Kempes, Ortiz. Sub: Houseman for Ortiz.

ITALY: Zoff; Gentile, Bellugi, Scirea, Cabrini, Tardelli, Benetti, Antognoni, Causio, Rossi, Bettiga. Subs: Cuccureddu for Bellugi and Zaccarelli for Antognoni.

FINAL TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Italy | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| Argentina | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| France | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| Hungary | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 0 |

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W. Germany 0 Poland 0
(in Buenos Aires)

After the colour, atmosphere and excitement of the opening ceremony, the first game of the tournament was a dull, depressing bore. Both teams seemed affected by nervous tension and were content to play for a draw.

W. GERMANY: Maier; Vogts, Russmann, Kaltz, Bonhof, Abramc-

zik, Zimmermann, Fischer, Flohe, Beer, H. Muller.

POLAND: Tomaszewski; Maculewicz, Szymanowski, Nawalka, Gorgon, Zmuda, Masztaler, Deyna, Lato, Szarmach, Lubanski. Subs: Kasperczak for Masztaler, Boniek for Lubanski.

Tunisia 3 Mexico 1
(in Rosario)

Tunisia (light shirts) were rank outsiders of the World Cup at 1,000-1, but topped their group with this fine result against the other no-hopers. Mexico took the lead from the spot by Ayala in the first-half. But Tunisia hit back after the interval with goals from Kaabi, Ghommidh and Dhouib.



TUNISIA: Naili; Dhouib, Kaabi, Jebali, Labidi, Ghommidh, Lahzami, Ben Rehaïem, Akid, Dhiab, Ben Aziza.

MEXICO: Reyes; Martinez, Ramos, Tena, Ayala, Mendizabal, De la Torre, Cuellar, Rangel, Isordia, Sanchez.

W. Germany 6 Mexico 0
(in Cordoba)

After a slow start West Germany finally raced into top gear and showed the sort of football

that won them the World Cup four years earlier. They totally destroyed the bewildered Mexicans. Their goals were netted by Rummenigge (2), Flohe (white shirt, 2), Hans Muller and Dieter Muller.



W. GERMANY: Maier; Vogts, Dietz, Russmann, Kaltz, Bonhof, Flohe, Rummenigge, H. Muller, Fischer, D. Muller.

MEXICO: Reyes; Tena, Ramos, Vasquez, Mendizabal, De la Torre, Lopez, Rangel, Sanchez, Martinez, Cuellar. Sub: Soto for Reyes.

Poland 1 Tunisia 0
(in Rosario)

Tunisia were very unlucky not to have gained a point against Poland. They fought hard and at times had the Polish defence in a great deal of trouble, hitting the bar and just heading over. Poland's Lato (right) scored the only goal of the game with this effort.



POLAND: Tomaszewski; Szymanowski, Zmuda, Gorgon, Maculewicz, Nawalka, Deyna, Kasperczak, Lato, Lubanski, Szarmach.

TUNISIA: Naili; Dhouib, Jebali, Labidi, Kaabi, Gasmi, Ghommidh, Mohamed Ben Rehaïem, Dhiab, Temime Lahzami, Akid.



Mexico 1 Poland 3
(in Rosario)

Poland finished top of the group despite their terrible form. They took the lead through Boniek (white shirt), just before half-time. Rangel scored a shock equaliser for Mexico, but Deyna blasted home from 25 yards a few minutes later. Boniek added a third in the 84th minute.

POLAND: Tomaszewski; Szymanowski, Zmuda, Gorgon, Rudy, Boniek, Deyna, Masztaler, Kasperczak, Lato, Iwan. Subs: Lubanski for Iwan and Maculewicz for Rudy.

MEXICO: Soto; Flores, Cisneros, Gomez, Vasquez Ayala, De la Torre, Cardenas, Cuellar, Ortega, Rangel, Sanchez. Sub: Mendizabal for Cardenas.

Tunisia 0 W. Germany 0
(in Cordoba)

This was the shock of the tournament. Little Tunisia held the World Champions to a 0-0

draw. It was no fluke result. Tunisia were more precise on the ball and determined in the tackle. In fact, only a fine save by Maier stopped Ghommidh (number six), from causing a real sensation.



TUNISIA: Naili; Dhouieb, Jebali, Labidi, Kaabi, Gasmi, Ghommidh, Ben Rehaïem, Temime, Akid, Tarek. Sub: Ben Aziza for Akid.

WEST GERMANY: Maier; Vogts, Russmann, Kaltz, Dietz, Flohe, Bonhof, H. Muller, D. Muller, Fischer, Rummenigge.

FINAL TABLE

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| Poland..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| W. Germany..... | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 |
| Tunisia..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Mexico..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 0 |

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GROUP THREE

Sweden 1 Brazil 1 (in Buenos Aires)

Sweden settled down quicker than the South Americans. A big disappointment for Brazil was the poor form of captain Rivelino who

later found it hard to command a first team place. Sweden's pressure paid off when Sjöberg scored. Reinaldo equalised for Brazil. The match ended in controversy, Brazil's No 8 Zico (below) headed home, but Welsh referee Clive Thomas had already blown for time.



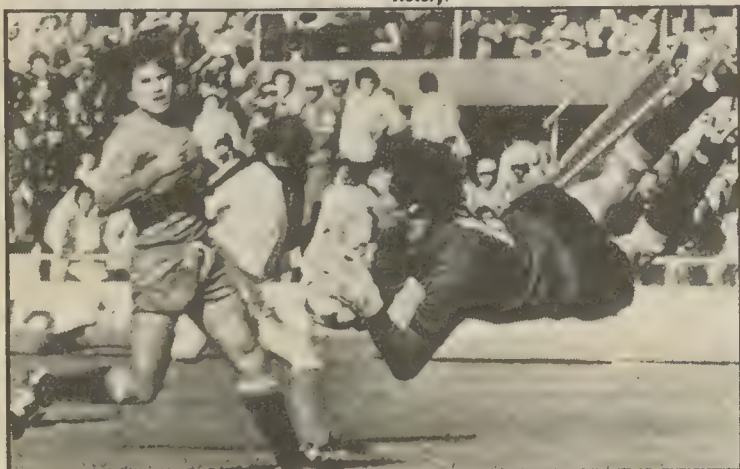
SWEDEN: Hellstrom; Borg, Andersson, Nordqvist, Tapper, Erlandsson, B. Larsson, Linderöth, L. Larsson, Sjöberg, Wendt. Subs: Torstensson for Tapper, Edström for Linderöth.

BRAZIL: Leao; Nelinho, Amaral, Oscar, Edinho, Batista, Cerezo, Dirceu, Toninho, Reinaldo, Zico. Subs: Gil for Nelinho and Mendonça for Zico.

Spain 1 Austria 2 (in Buenos Aires)

Europe's top goalscorer Johann Krankl shot Austria to the top of the group with a 76th

minute winning goal. Schachner had earlier put Austria 1-0 in to the lead. Spain (dark shirts) equalised through Dani in the 22nd minute but Austria thoroughly deserved their victory.



SPAIN: Miguel Angel; Marcelino, Miguel, Pirri, De la Cruz, Asensi, Cardenosa, Rexach, San Jose, Dani, Cano. Subs: Leal for Cardenosa and Quini for Rexach.

AUSTRIA: Konkilia; R. Sara, Pezzey, Obermayer, Briel Tenberger, Kreuz, Jara, Hickersberger, Prohaska, Schachner, Krankl. Subs: Weber for Hickersberger and Pirchner for Schachner.

Brazil 0 Spain 0 (in Mar del Plata)

Spain found it much easier to settle down on

the soft, spongy pitch. The Brazilians without Rivelino (through injury) lacked authority in the middle of the park. Only Zico and Dirceu showed flashes of their true form.



BRAZIL: Leao; Nelinho, Oscar, Amaral, Edinho, Batista, Cerezo, Dirceu, Toninho, Reinaldo, Zico. Subs: Gil for Nelinho, and Mendonça for Zico.

SPAIN: Miguel Angel; Uria, Olmo, Gonzalez, Perez, San Jose, Asensi, Juanito, Cardenosa, Leal, Santillana. Subs: Biosca for Gonzalez and Guzman for Leal.

Austria 1 Sweden 0 (in Buenos Aires)

Goal scoring opportunities were rare in this match and a penalty decided the result. The dubious spot-kick was converted by Krankl just before half-time. Sweden (white socks) appeared more interested in avoiding defeat than winning and suffered for their negative tactics.



AUSTRIA: Konkilia; R. Sara, Obermayer, Pezzey, Breitenberger, Prohaska, Hickersberger, Kreiger, Jara, Kreuz, Krankl. Sub: Weber for Kreiger.

SWEDEN: Hellstrom; Borg, Andersson, Nordqvist, Erlandsson, Tapper, B. Larsson, Linderöth, L. Larsson, Sjöberg, Wendt. Subs: Torstensson for Tapper, Edström for Linderöth.

Sweden 0 Spain 1 (in Buenos Aires)

Spain's thoroughly deserved victory was

purely academic as both countries were already out of the competition. The only goal came from Asensi (just hidden, left) who powered home this well-timed shot.



SWEDEN: Hellstrom; Borg, Andersson, Nordqvist, Erlandsson, B. Larsson, Sjöberg, L. Larsson, Nilsson, Nordin, Edström. Subs: Wendt for Edström and Linderöth for Sjöberg.

SPAIN: Miguel Angel; Uria, Biosca, Olmo, Marcelino, San Jose, Leal, Asensi, Cardenosa, Santillana, Juanito. Sub: Pirri for Olmo.

Brazil 1 Austria 0 (in Mar del Plata)

Brazil qualified for the Second Round by defeating Austria, but still looked short of ideas and goalscoring ability. In the last minute Kreuz went close with a scorching drive. Brazil's winner came just before half-time when Roberto (right) fired home an easy shot.



BRAZIL: Leao; Toninho, Oscar, Amaral, Rodrigues Neto, Batista, Cerezo, Dirceu, Gil, Roberto, Mendonça. Subs: Chicão for Cerezo and Zico for Mendonça.

Weber for Hickersberger, and Happich for Kreiger.

FINAL TABLE

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| Austria | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Brazil | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Spain | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Sweden | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |

AUSTRIA: Konkilia; Sara, Obermayer, Pezzey, Breitenberger, Prohaska, Hickersberger, Jara, Kreuz, Krankl, Kreiger. Subs:

Peru 3 Scotland 1 (in Cordoba)

Scotland were destroyed in their first game of the tournament by an under-rated Peru. Scotland scored first through Joe Jordan, but goals from Cueto and two from the superb Cubillas brought tremendous triumph to Peru (right, celebrating their third goal).



PERU: Quiroga; Diaz, Chumpitaz, Manzo, Duarte, Velasquez, Cueto, Cubillas, Munante, Larrosa, Oblitas.

SCOTLAND: Rough; Kennedy, Forsyth, Burns, Buchan, Masson, Hartford, Rioch, Dalglish, Jordan, Johnston.

Iran 0, Holland 3 (in Mendoza)

Robbie Rensenbrink scored a hat-trick against plucky Iran. They began in great style and almost took the lead. But Holland went ahead

when Rensenbrink opened his account from the penalty-spot (below). He added a second in the 62nd minute. Robbie completed his hat-trick with a second penalty.



HOLLAND: Jongbloed; Suurbier, Rijsbergen, Krol, Neeskens, Haan, Jansen, W. van der Kerkhof, Rep, Rensenbrink, R. van der Kerkhof. Sub: Nanninga for Rene van der Kerkhof.

IRAN: Hejazi; Nazari, Abdullahi, Kazerani, Eskandarian, Parvin, Ghassempoor, Sadeghi, Nayeabagha, Faraki, Dhajani. Sub: Roshan for Faraki.

Scotland 1 Iran 1 (in Cordoba)

A disgraceful performance by Scotland. They led at half-time but only through an own-goal by Eskandarian (right). Iran's equaliser by Danaiifar was no more than they deserved.



SCOTLAND: Rough; Jardine, Burns, Buchan, Donachie, Macari, Gemmill, Hartford, Dalglish, Jordan, Robertson. Subs: Forsyth for Buchan and Harper for Dalglish.

IRAN: Jahani; Hejazi, Nazari, Abdullahi, Kazerani, Eskandarian, Danaiifar, Parvin, Sadeghi, Ghassempoor, Faraki. Subs: Roshan for Faraki and Nayeabagha for Danaiifar.



Holland 0 Peru 0 (in Mendoza)

The longer the match went on the worse Holland became. Peru (light-strip) troubled Dutch keeper Jongbloed in the early stages of the game when La Rosa burst through. Haan worked hard in midfield for Holland but could not find a way past a Peruvian defence which was by far the strongest in the competition.

HOLLAND: Jongbloed; Suurbier, Rijsbergen, Krol, Poortvliet, Neeskens, Jansen, W. Van Der Kerkhof, R. Van Der Kerkhof, Haan, Rensenbrink. Subs: Rep for Rene Van Der Kerkhof and Nanninga for Neeskens.

PERU: Quiroga; Duarte, Manzo, Chumpitaz, Diaz, Cueto, Velasquez, Cubillas, Munante, Larrosa, Oblitas. Sub: Sotil for Larrosa.

Holland 2 Scotland 3 (in Mendoza)

Scotland achieved a memorable victory, but it came too late to wipe out all the bad memories of Argentina. They needed to win by three clear goals to stay in the Finals and only just failed.

Dalglish scored first to equalise a Rensenbrink penalty. Gemmill put Scotland ahead from the spot, and then hit a tremendous third. Hopes of a miracle ended when Rep unleashed a 25-yard shot (below) that Rough didn't see.



SCOTLAND: Rough; Kennedy, Forsyth, Buchan, Donachie, Rioch, Souness, Hartford, Gemmill, Dalglish, Jordan.

HOLLAND: Jongbloed; Suurbier, Rijsbergen, Krol, Poortvliet, Neeskens, Jansen, R. van der Kerkhof, Rep, Rensenbrink, W. van der Kerkhof. Subs: Boskamp for Neeskens and Wildschut for Rijsbergen.



Peru 4 Iran 1 (in Cordoba)

Peru made sure of a place in the last eight when they defeated Iran with this convincing result. Their first goal was a header by Velasquez. Then Peru were awarded two penalty-kicks within three minutes and Cubillas converted them both. Roshan pulled one back for Iran (left), but in the 78th minute Cubillas completed his hat-trick and Peru's fourth.

PERU: Quiroga; Duarte, Manzo, Chumpitaz, Diaz, Cueto, Velasquez, Cubillas, Munante, Larrosa, Oblitas. Subs: Sotil for Larrosa and Leguia for Manzo.

IRAN: Hejazi; Nazari, Abdullahi, Kazerani, Allahvardi, Ghassempoor, Danaiifar, Parvin, Sadeghi, Roshan, Faraki. Subs: Jahani for Faraki and Faribi for Roshan.

FINAL TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Peru..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 5 |
| Holland..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| Scotland..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| Iran..... | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 1 |

Austria 0 Italy 1 (in Buenos Aires)

Superb goalkeeping by Austria's Koncilia kept the score-line respectable. His one mistake in

the 13th minute of the first-half was punished by Rossi (left), who scored from close-range. Cautious Italy were content to hold on to their solitary goal lead.

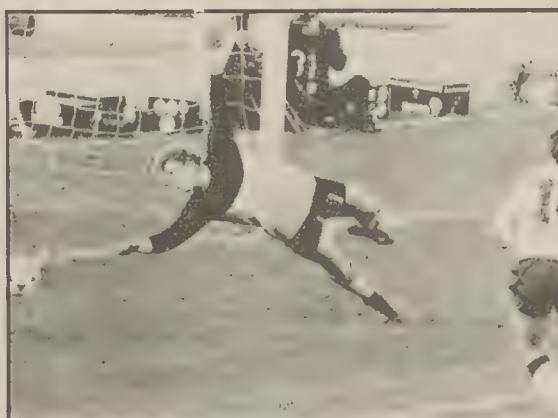


ITALY: Zoff; Gentile, Bellugi, Scirea, Cabrini, Zaccarelli, Benetti, Tardelli, Causio, Rossi, Bettiga. Subs: Cuccureddu for Bellugi and Graziani for Bettiga.

AUSTRIA: Koncilia; Sara, Pezzey, Obermayer, Strasser, Jara, Hickersberger, Schachner, Krankl, Kreuz. Sub: Baumeister for Schachner.

Holland 2 W. Germany 2 (in Cordoba)

A repeat of the 1974 Final was perhaps the best of the World Cup so far. It was a match full of drama. Towards the end tempers were stretched and Holland's Nanninga was sent off. West Germany scored (right), after two minutes through Abramczik. Haan equalised with a 35-yard-shot. Dieter Muller put W. Germany ahead again with a neat header halfway through the second-half. But with six minutes to go, Rene van der Kerkhof curled a shot past Maier to level the score.



HOLLAND: Schrijvers; Poortvliet, Brandts, Krol, Wildschut, Jansen, Haan, W. Van Der Kerkhof, R. Van Der Kerkhof, Rep, Rensenbrink. Sub: Nanninga for Wildschut. **WEST GERMANY:** Maier; Vogts, Russmann, Kaltz, Dietz, Beer, Bonhof, Holzenbein, Abramczik, D. Muller, Rummenigge.

W. Germany 0 Italy 0 (in Buenos Aires)

A match eagerly awaited, yet one of the dulllest of the tournament. During the game the crowd showed their displeasure by whistling and booing for the lack of spectacular action. Bettiga (right), missed chances and Fischer's penalty claim looked valid. Apart from a couple of near-misses and hit posts, both teams seemed content to settle for the draw.



WEST GERMANY: Maier; Vogts, Russmann, Dietz, Kaltz, Zimmermann, Bonhof, Flohe, Rummenigge, Fischer, Holzenbein. Subs: Konopka for Zimmermann and Beer for Flohe.

ITALY: Zoff; Gentile, Bellugi, Scirea, Cabrini, Tardelli, Benetti, Antognoni, Causio, Rossi, Bettiga. Subs: Zaccarelli for Antognoni.

Austria 1 Holland 5 (in Cordoba)

Holland produced their best football of the tournament to demoralise Austria. The Dutch took the lead after six minutes when Brandts (dark shirt) headed home Haan's

free-kick. Rensenbrink scored a second from the spot and laid on the third goal for Rep. He scored his second of the match in the 52nd minute. Obermayer pulled one back for Austria ten minutes from the end, but two minutes later Willy van der Kerkhof added Holland's fifth.



AUSTRIA: Koncilia; Sara, Obermayer, Pezzey, Breitenberger, Prohaska, Kreiger, Hickersberger, Jara, Kreuz, Krankl.

HOLLAND: Schrijvers; Krol, Jansen, Brandts, Poortvliet, Haan,

Wildschut, W. Van Der Kerkhof, R. Van Der Kerkhof, Rep, Rensenbrink. Subs: Schoenaker for R. Van Der Kerkhof and Van Kraay for Brandts.

Italy 1 Holland 2 (in Buenos Aires)

Holland fell behind after 20 minutes when Brandts prodded the ball into his own net. Brandts got his name on the score sheet again

in the 50th minute, but this time scored a tremendous equalising goal (below). Holland's winner was just as dramatic. Haan received a short free-kick near the half-way line, ran a few yards and cracked the ball past Dino Zoff.



HOLLAND: Schrijvers; Poortvliet, Neeskens, Krol, Brandts, Jansen, Haan, W. Van Der Kerkhof, R. Van Der Kerkhof, Rep, Rensenbrink. Subs: Jongbloed for Schrijvers, Van Kraay for Rep.

ITALY: Zoff; Cuccureddu, Gentile, Scirea, Cabrini, Tardelli, Benetti, Zaccarelli, Causio, Rossi, Bettiga. Subs: Graziani for Benetti and Sala for Causio.

Austria 3 W. Germany 2 (in Cordoba)

Two excellent second-half goals from Krankl (left, about to score his second), gave Austria their first win over the Germans for 47 years. West Germany had taken the lead through Rummenigge in the 19th minute. Austria equalised when West Germany's captain Vogts deflected a header past his own keeper. Krankl's first goal came in the 65th minute. Holzenbein levelled the score with an easy header from Bonhof's free-kick. Krankl's spectacular winner put West Germany out of the World Cup. It was a sad end for manager Schoen.



WEST GERMANY: Maier; Vogts, Russmann, Kaltz, Dietz, Beer, Bonhof, Holzenbein, Abramczik, D. Muller, Rummenigge. Subs: Hans Muller for Beer, Fischer for Dieter Muller. **AUSTRIA:** Koncilia; Sara, Pezzey, Obermayer, Strasser, Prohaska, Kreiger, Hickersberger, Schachner,

Krankl, Kreuz. Subs: Oberacher for Schachner.

FINAL TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Holland..... | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| Italy..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| W. Germany..... | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| Austria..... | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 2 |

Argentina 2 Poland 0 (in Rosario)

A very exciting match that had everything, including a penalty-miss by Poland's Deyna and two marvellous goals by the star of the World Cup, Argentina's Mario Kempes. His

first was a brilliant header (below) in the 15th minute. Poland should have equalised just before the interval but Deyna, playing his 100th international, missed from the spot after Tarantini had punched off the line. At times the Argentinian defence looked uncertain, but 18 minutes from time Kempes secured their victory with a superbly taken goal.



ARGENTINA: Fillol; Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Valencia, Houseman, Kempes, Bertoni. Subs: Villa for Houseman, Ortiz for Valencia.

POLAND: Tomaszewski; Maculewicz, Zmuda, Kaspercak, Szymanowski, Boniek, Nawalka, Deyna, Lato, Szarmach, Masztaler. Subs: Mazur for Masztaler.

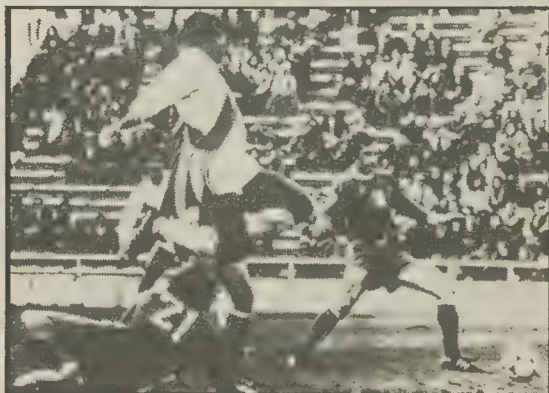
Brazil 3 Peru 0 (in Mendoza)

Brazil looked a better organised outfit than they did in their previous matches. After a very slow start, the game came to life when Dirceu curved his 30 yard free-kick (right) past Quiroga in the 14th minute. Brazil, so deadly with free-kicks, nearly went farther ahead from Toninho. Peru were unlucky when Munante's shot was cleared off the line. Dirceu scored again from another blockbusting shot and Brazil's third goal was a penalty taken by substitute Zico.



BRAZIL: Leao; Toninho, Oscar, Amaral, Rodrigues Neto, Batista, Cerezo, Dirceu, Gil, Roberto, Mendonca. Subs: Zico for Gil and Chicão for Cerezo.

PERU: Quiroga; Duarte, Manzo, Chumpitaz, Diaz, Cueto, Velasquez, Cubillas, Munante, La Rosa, Oblitas. Subs: Navarro for Diaz, Rojas for Oblitas.



POLAND: Kukla; Szymanowski, Zmuda, Gorgon, Maculewicz, Masztaler, Nawalka, Deyna, Lato, Boniek, Szarmach. Subs: Kaspercak for Masztaler, Lubanski for Boniek.

PERU: Quiroga; Duarte, Manzo, Chumpitaz, Navarro, Cueto, Quesada, Cubillas, Munante, Larrosa, Oblitas. Sub: Rojas for Munante, Sotil for Larrosa.

Peru 0 Poland 1 (in Mendoza)

Poland's Deyna was in tremendous form. Although the Peruvians (light shirts) occasionally looked dangerous, Poland were in command. But they didn't score until the 64th minute. A defensive error by Navarro gave the ball away to Lato, whose perfect cross was headed home by Szarmach.

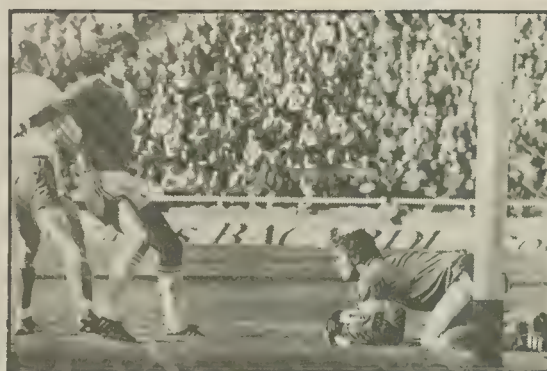
Argentina 0 Brazil 0 (in Rosario)

Football was almost forgotten as these two South American rivals fought ruthlessly to win their group. The match began with a clash between the Argentinian striker Luque and Oscar the big Brazilian defender. Both sides were guilty of disgraceful tactics. Brazil (light shorts) produced the best move of the explosive game when Mendonca crossed for Dirceu, who headed on for Roberto who was just beaten to the ball by Fillol.



ARGENTINA: Fillol; Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Kempes, Bertoni, Luque, Ortiz. Subs: Villa for Ardiles, Alonso for Ortiz.

BRAZIL: Leao; Toninho, Amaral, Oscar, Batista, Chicão, Dirceu, Gil, Roberto, Mendonca, Rodrigues Neto. Subs: Edinho for Rodrigues Neto and Zico for Mendonca.



Brazil 3 Poland 1 (in Mendoza)

Brazil, looking rather weak at the back, took the lead in the 12th minute through Nelinho. Lato equalised for Poland with Leao (left) and his defenders hopelessly out of position. Just when it seemed Poland would take control, Brazil came back to life and scored twice, through Roberto.

POLAND: Kukla; Szymanowski, Zmuda, Gorgon, Maculewicz, Boniek, Nawalka, Deyna, Kaspercak, Lato, Szarmach. Sub: Lubanski for Kaspercak.

BRAZIL: Leao; Toninho, Amaral, Oscar, Nelinho, Batista, Cerezo, Dirceu, Gil, Roberto, Zico. Subs: Mendonca for Zico and Rivelino for Cerezo.

Argentina 6 Peru 0 (in Rosario)

Argentina qualified for the Final in spectacular fashion. Needing to win by four clear goals, they totally destroyed Peru with six. Incredibly Peru almost scored twice before

Kempes (below) opened Argentina's account in the 20th minute. Defender Tarantini headed home a second just before half-time. Kempes blasted home his second and Argentina's third. Luque scored the fourth with a diving header. Argentina had done enough to ensure themselves a place in the Final, but they didn't stop there. Houseman and Luque made it 6-0.



ARGENTINA: Fillol; Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Larrosa, Gallego, Kempes, Bertoni, Luque, Ortiz. Subs: Houseman for Bertoni and Oviedo for Gallego.

PERU: Quiroga; Duarte, Manzo, Chumpitaz, R. Rojas, Quesada, Velasquez, Cubillas, Munante, Cueto, Oblitas. Sub: Gorriti for Velasquez.

FINAL TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Argentina | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 5 |
| Brazil | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Poland | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Peru | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 0 |

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Brazil's Batista sets up an attack watched by Italy's Sela.



Right ... Dirceu of Brazil races into the action with Italian Rossi.

BRAZIL FIGHT BACK

Brazil regained a little pride by beating Italy 2-1 to finish in number three spot.

Brazil (0) 2 Nelinho, Dirceu Italy (1) 1 Causio

BRAZIL: Leao; Oscar, Amaral, Cerezo, Dirceu, Nelinho, Neto, Batista, Gil, Mendonca, Roberto. Subs: Rivelino for Cerezo, Reinaldo for Gil.
ITALY: Zoff; Cabrini, Cuccureddu, Gentile, Maleda, Scirea, Antognoni, P. Sala, Causio, Bettoga, Rossi. Sub: C. Sala for Antognoni.



Carlos Roberto gets the better of three Italian opponents as he breaks for goal.



Rossi again challenges for the ball, this time against Oscar, who is covered by team-mate Dirceu.

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Left... It was a brilliant attack as Johnny Rep leaps for the ball, watched by colleagues Américo Gallego and Alberto Tomba. Dutch star Robbie Roelands (left) awaits the outcome.



It wasn't the greatest World Cup Final of all time. But to the Argentinian supporters it was the greatest day in the Republic since they won their Independence.

SHOOT captured the thrills of the Final in the River Plate Stadium as Argentina became the fifth host nation to win the World crown in 11 Finals.

The home fans celebrated their team's 3-1 victory over Holland, the second time running the Dutch have been losing Finalists, with the biggest party ever seen in the Republic.



Left... Mario Kempes scores his second goal to become the top scorer of the 1978 World Cup, and win the adidas Golden Boot. Here, he is mobbed by his team-mates. Above... Kempes displays his skill as Ruud Krol comes into the tackle.

... Holland's Johan
Neeskens just gets the better of
Osvaldo Ardiles in a race for the
ball.



ARGENTINA OLÉ!

Above ... This time it is Argentina's ball as Leopoldo
Luque shows his control to opponent Arie Haan.



Above ... There is no doubt about the winners now as the
Argentinians show their joy after Daniel Bertoní scores the third
goal.
(Continued overleaf)

ADIOS!

FACTS AND FIGURES

Argentina became the fifth host nation of the 11 Finals to win the World Cup. The other four were Uruguay (1930), Italy (1934), England (1966) and West Germany (1974).

The 102 goals scored was the highest total since 1958 when the 126 goals scored equalled the 1954 total. The totals in the other Finals are 70 (1930), 70 (1934), 84 (1938), 88 (1950), 126 (1954), 126 (1958), 89 (1962), 89 (1966), 95 (1970), and 97 (1974).

The 1000th goal in the World Cup Finals was scored by Holland's Robbie Rensenbrink from the penalty-spot against Scotland in Mendoza.

Top team-score in the Finals was six and both the 1974 and 1978 World Champions reached that score. West Germany against Mexico in a Group Two match and Argentina hit Peru for six as they overtook Brazil in Group B to reach the Final on goal-difference.

It is estimated that 600 million people watched the World Cup Final on television. For the first time ever satellites beamed the game to China, while over 31 million viewers tuned-in in Britain.

Thirteen penalties were taken in the Finals and only two were missed. They were by Don Masson of Scotland against Peru and Deyna of Poland v Argentina.

Forty three players in the Finals received yellow cards and three players followed that up by being sent off — Nyalasi and Torocsik of Hungary and Nanninga of Holland.

HOW THEY FINISHED

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | P | |
|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|--|
| Argentina | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 4 | 11 | Latest Goal Flohe (WG) v Mexico, 89 mins |
| Holland | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 10 | 8 | Top Scorers Argentina and Holland, 15 goals |
| Brazil | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 11 | Lowest Scorers Sweden, 1 goal |
| Italy | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 9 | Best Defence Brazil, 3 goals conceded |
| Poland | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 7 | Worst Defence Mexico and Peru, 12 goals conceded |
| West Ger. | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 5 | 6 | Most Yellow Cards Brazil, 9 |
| Austria | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 6 | Least Yellow Cards Mexico, Tunisia, Spain, Sweden and Scotland, 1 each |
| Peru | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 5 | Most-booked player Velasquez (Peru), 3 warnings |
| Tunisia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | Briefest appearance Naibagha (Iran), 1 min. v Peru |
| Spain | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | Red Cards Torocsik and Nyalasi (Hung), Nanninga (Hol) |
| Scotland | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | |
| France | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 | |
| Sweden | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | |
| Iran | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 1 | |
| Hungary | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 0 | |
| Mexico | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 0 | |
| Fastest Goal Lacombe (France) v Italy, 31 seconds | | | | | | | | |

Above ... The River Plate Stadium rivals the streets of New York in a ticker-tape welcome for Argentina as they come on to the pitch before the Final.

Below ... Argentinian skipper Daniel Passarella holds the World Cup aloft after their 3-1 victory against Holland.

Argentina (1) 3
Kempes 2, Bertoni
Holland (0) 1
Nanninga
(after extra-time)
ARGENTINA: Fillol;
Olguin, Galvan,
Passarella, Tarantini,
Ardiles, Gallego,
Kempes, Bertoni,
Luque, Ortiz. Subs:
Larrosa for Ardiles,
Houseman for Ortiz.
HOLLAND:
Jongbloed; Krol,
Jansen, Brandts,
Poortvliet, Haan,
Neeskens, W. van der
Kerkhof, R. van der
Kerkhof, Rep,
Rensenbrink. Subs:
Suurbier for Jansen,
Nanninga for Rep.



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This week's Star Letter comes from Penny Hudson of Guiseley, Yorkshire, who wins our special prize of £3. She writes:

UNSPORTING ARGENTINA

I, LIKE many other football supporters, was disappointed with the 1978 World Cup Final.

Argentina gave an exhibition of bad sportsmanship all through the match, although there were a few moments when they showed their true form.

At the beginning of the match there was an eight-minute hold-up. Firstly, because the Argentinians wouldn't come out of their dressing-room and secondly, they complained about Rene van der Kerkhof having a plaster cast on his hand.

But their worst behaviour came after Argentina had scored their third goal when they began to waste time by falling to the ground feigning injury after being tackled.

Surely their overall display was a discredit to themselves and their fans.

● Prior to the Final, Argentina had turned on the sort of football everyone enjoys watching. They abandoned their former kicking, spitting attitude to play some fresh attacking football. It was a sad sight when they reverted to some of their bad habits in the Final.

Promotion Possibility

AFTER reading through your feature on the Second Division promotion race, I was amazed at the way you've completely ignored the possibility and probability of Stoke City being amongst the front-runners next season.

Inspired by their new manager, Alan Durban, City lost only five games in their last 17 in the League, finishing in seventh place.

This surely sets the scene for a successful season ahead for The Potters. A possibility which cannot be ignored.

MICHAEL ALDERSON,
BRISTOL.

● Our apologies. Stoke have produced some very fine youngsters in the past. The inclusion of Garth Crooks, Steve Waddington and their new signing Sammy Irvine from Shrewsbury could make them a big threat next term.

Gale Force

I know that, except when there's trouble in the boardroom, Fulham are an "unfashionable" club. It is rarely we hit the headlines in glory, and never in dis-

grace. Apart from the short stay of George Best and the even shorter one of Rodney Marsh, we are not newsworthy. Nevertheless, how a list of 1977-78 "Exciting Prospects" can fail to mention Tony Gale, who put on Bobby Moore's number six shirt with such distinction, both for Fulham and as captain of the England Youth team, is beyond me.

EVA GOODMAN,
LONDON W.11.

● It certainly was an enormous task for someone as young as Tony to take over the position that Bobby Moore had made his own.

Determined Gordon

AFTER seeing Gordon Hill score two goals during the England B's 8-0 thrashing of my nation, Singapore, I wondered why Mr. Greenwood didn't include Hill in England's first team set-up.

I hope Bobby Robson will recommend Gordon to Mr. Greenwood, for his magical skills could help bring back the glory to England once more.

MICHAEL LOKE,
SINGAPORE

● I'm sure our columnist will be flattered by your remarks, Michael. Gordon visited the SHOOT offices recently and re-stated his determination to regain his full England shirt.

SHOOT's Finalist

WHEN I received my copy of SHOOT with the free World Cup wallchart, I noticed that in the top left and right-hand corners you had positioned Argentina and Holland.

For a bit of fun I had a bet on these teams to reach the Final. With the help of SHOOT, I won.

MARTIN CARLIN,
N. IRELAND.

● We'd like to say we'd predicted the Finalists by positioning them so. But we must own up. It was sheer coincidence.

Pen-Pal

I'M a Dutch boy and I would like to correspond with an English boy. My favourite teams in England are Arsenal, Chelsea and Leeds.

RONALD BAUEN,
VAN HEUTSSLAAN GZ,
EDE (GLD),
HOLLAND.

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Schoen

I've read a lot about Helmut Schoen as a great West German team manager, but what did he do before that?

MARK AUSTIN,
WORKINGTON

● Born in Dresden in 1915, Helmut Schoen played at inside-left for the SC and SG clubs in that city, and then for FC St. Pauli and Hertha Berlin, Mark.

He gained 16 full international caps — not the kind he's famous for always wearing now! — for the old combined Germany between 1937 and 1941.

Schoen was still playing professional football, at the age of 36, when a severe knee injury put an end to his playing-days in 1951.

By then, though, he was already involved in coaching, and took over several clubs before becoming assistant to the then international team-manager, Sepp Herberger, in 1956. Eight years later, Schoen succeeded him as number one and the rest of his success story is pretty well-known.

Bradford City caps

Has anyone ever played for his country while on the books of my favourite club, Bradford City?

MASOOD SADIO,
BRADFORD

● Yes, they have, Masood — I can find three for England, six for Northern Ireland, and one for Wales.

City's most-capped player is Harry Hampton, who played nine times for the Irish between 1911 and 1914.

Record gate for Fourth

What is the record gate for a Fourth Division game?

ROY KELLY,
ACCRINGTON

● When you look up some First Division attendances last season, you'd hardly believe it, Roy — but it's 37,774.

This was for a late-season promotion clash between Crystal Palace and Millwall on 31st March, 1961.

Incidentally, even bigger gates in the "lower orders" are 48,110 in the Third Division (Villa v. Bournemouth, 12th February, 1972); 51,621 in the old Third South (Cardiff v. Bristol City, 7th April, 1947); and 49,655 in the old Third North (Hull v. Rotherham, 25th December, 1948).

Viv Busby

What's happened to my favourite player, Viv Busby, please? Has he left Norwich City?

DEBBIE REID,
AUSTRALIA

● Yes, he has, Debbie. Busby was signed by Second Division Stoke on 10th November, last year. The fee was estimated at around £60,000.

Jesse Pennington

As I'm a great-nephew of Jesse Pennington, I'd very much like to know some details of his career.

NEIL PENNINGTON,
WEST BROMWICH

● Well, Neil, you've got quite a lot to be proud of. Not only was your great-uncle the finest left-back of his times, he was also a player whose sense of sportsmanship and fair-play was a byword in soccer.

Ironically, without that latter quality West Bromwich might not have lost the 1912 F.A. Cup Final. Most modern defenders would unceremoniously have chopped down Barnsley's Tufnell with a "professional foul" as he swerved past on his way to score.

But such tactics were not for Pennington — and that one goal was enough to take the Cup to Barnsley.

He was first on Aston Villa's books as an amateur, but it was with nearby West Bromwich that he turned professional — making his first team debut in September, 1903 — and he spent all his career there.

All told, he played 455 League games for Albion — a number which would have been much higher but for the War — before retiring in 1922. Two years earlier, he skipped Albion to their one-and-only League title.

Pennington played the first of his 25 full internationals for England in 1907, his last in 1920.

SHORT PASSES

● Swansea's best League season was finishing fifth in Division Two in 1925-26.

(I. HALE, Newport)

● Manchester City have won the F.A. Cup four times (1904, 1934, 1956 and 1969); and three times been beaten Finalists (1926, 1933 and 1955).

(MARTIN CANNON, Bucks.)

● Scotsman William McGregor, an Aston Villa official, was the driving force behind the formation of England's Football League in 1888.

(FRANCIS CHIN, Malaysia)

● Brian Clough was manager of Leeds for just 44 days in 1974.

(ANTHONY RICHINGS,
Leicestershire)

● Jimmy Dickinson played 764 League games for Portsmouth between 1946 and 1965; and played 48 times for England.

(GAVIN LENNARD, Surrey)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

Week Ending APRIL 29 . . .

IPSWICH THRASHED

BARRING a spill-over of postponed games, this is the last week of the League season — when all, or almost all, should be happening to wrap things up.

Cloughie's already done it — and more — but he's still very much in the news. With his 'phone always red-hot, he says he's thinking of taking a break — and letting Mike Yarwood answer the calls for him!

Not so secure in the hot-seat, it seems, is the man who took over from Clough at Leeds when he was sacked after his traumatic 44-day stint there. Jimmy Armfield is first faced with the news that his directors have decided not to renew his contract when it expires in December — and then, within 48 hours, appears to get a reprieve when it's now decided to review matters again at the end of the year.

A big Tuesday-night programme sees some of the outstanding issues settled. In the top-bottom Second Division clash, Orient and Southampton share the spoils 1-1. That's enough to get the Saints OUT of the Second Division — and, with a bit of luck, could keep the Londoners IN it.

A couple more goals from David Cross at Middlesbrough give West Ham another two-point boost — but they're not safe yet. Neither are London neighbours Q.P.R., who drop a vital home point against Birmingham when Bowles misses a penalty. But a third London club, Brentford, make sure of promotion from the Fourth.

Spurs, for so long promotion "certs", are temporarily pushed out of the top three by Brighton — but next night nervily overtake their seaside rivals again, even though it takes a bitterly-disputed late Perryman goal to overcome already-relegated Hull.

No such ifs-and-buts for Bolton. After narrowly missing-out at the last ditch for two seasons, they make sure of getting back to the First when a Worth-

ington goal is enough to win at Blackburn in mid-week.

A thought for the future. For the second year running, Crystal Palace win the F.A. Youth Cup when they beat Villa 1-0 at Highbury.

Saturday brings satisfaction for Spurs — a 0-0 draw at already-promoted Southampton sees them back to Division One at the first attempt — but heartbreak for Brighton. Mullery's men — remember, they were still in the Third only twelve months ago — beat Blackpool 2-1 to finish level on points with Spurs. But an inferior goal-difference foils a second successive promotion.

At the wrong end of the First, a Q.P.R. draw with Leeds makes them safe — and so should be Wolves. But West Ham's home 2-0 defeat by Liverpool makes their future look very dodgy indeed.

Good luck to Bob Latchford. A successful penalty in Everton's 6-0 hammering of Chelsea brings up his total of League goals to 30 — and that seemingly elusive £10,000 prize.

Celebrations, too, for Swansea and Cambridge. Both are promoted — Cambridge shooting from Fourth to Second in two seasons, and only seven years after joining the League.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 6 — Aston Villa; Everton.

TOTAL GOALS: 119 (average 2.70 per game).

HAT-TRICKS: 3 — Swindon (Palace v. Blackburn); Slough (Peterborough v. Chester); Dungworth (Aldershot v. Hartlepool).

CHAMPIONS: Div 1, Forest; Div 2, Bolton; Div 3, Wrexham; Div 4, Watford.

HIGHEST GATE: 39,504 — Everton v. Chelsea.

TOTAL GATE: 620,193.

AVERAGE GATE: 14,095.

ABERDEEN PIPPED

"WE ARE THE Champions," chant 30,000 Rangers' fans at Ibrox as their heroes pick up the points and the title with a 2-0 win over Motherwell.

First-half goals by Colin Jackson and Gordon Smith made sure the League Championship flag for 77-78 would fly over their stadium. Jackson netted a John Greig free-kick after six minutes and Smith scored in the 18th minute.

Aberdeen, for so long the only other runner in what was a two-horse race are pipped at the post and stumble to a 1-1 draw away from home against Hibs.

As the champagne corks "pop" in the Ibrox dressing-room, manager Jock Wallace says: "I never doubted we would win the Premier Division. Winning a title is about consistency."

Way back in August there had been terracing "critics" chanting for Jock's

resignation. On August 20, 1977, and after only two League matches Rangers were at the bottom of the table.

A 3-1 defeat at Aberdeen and a 2-0 win by Hibs at Ibrox had some fans yelling: "Wallace must go."

The Rangers boss said at the time: "The fans pay their money. They can shout what they like. The season has a long way to go . . ."

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 40,000 Rangers v Motherwell
PREMIER DIVISION TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 71,000

TOTAL GOALS: 55

TABLE TOPPERS: Rangers

HIGHEST SCORE: (5) Dundee United

Week Ending MAY 6 . . .

LIVERPOOL REVENGE

FOREST may have taken most of the season's glory so far — but those old hands of Liverpool are still very much around. Helped by a Dalglish hat-trick, they crush Manchester City 4-0 to edge Everton out of the runners-up spot — and, at least on Merseyside, that can't be bad!

Not far away at Preston, Nobby Stiles sees his side clinch promotion from the Third Division without playing. Rivals Peterborough need both points on the ground of Champions Wrexham — but can only get one of them.

Goal-difference having foiled Brighton from their second promotion in successive years, it might appear that hot-property Peter Ward could be expensively snapped-up on the rebound by a top First Division club. "No way," says manager Mullery — who rates Ward in the £400,000 class — "We're going to make it next season, and need Peter to help us do it!"

England's kids, so promising latterly, have their bubble burst for the moment as our national failing to score goals at top level allows Yugoslavia to snatch a 1-1 draw at Maine Road — and so, on a 3-2 aggregate, edge us out of making the European Under-21 Final.

Where there's life, there's hope — and Millwall prove it. Seemingly doomed to relegation only a week or two back, they beat Mansfield for their sixth successive win to make quite sure of Division Two status again next season.

No such good fortune, though, for London neighbours West Ham. Despite a similar fight-back against impending doom, they find themselves down in the Second Division again after 20 years — without even playing. But Wolves do play — and their 3-1 defeat of Villa is enough to ensure their own survival at Hammers' expense.

But next day another London club find salvation when a 0-0 draw at Orient sees Charlton — who, incredibly, were pressing for promotion instead in the first half of the season — safe in the Second for another twelve months. Good news for them — but it now means that next week's clincher between opponents Orient and Cardiff will decide which of these two go down to the Third for next season.

England may cry for Argentina — but, at least club-wise, we still have a personal interest in the World Cup. When Scotland manager Ally MacLeod finalises his permitted 22-man squad, no less than 15 are "Anglos" with English teams!

Personal prestige apart, the outcome doesn't now matter that much, and it's a fair result when Liverpool and Forest — the two best sides in the country — settle for an honourable draw. But the new Champs have to thank Peter Shilton for keeping the old Champs at bay as a 50,000 Anfield crowd roar on their men to try and put Clough & Co. in their place, and gain some late revenge for that League Cup Final defeat.

"Who's Roger Osborne?" many folks outside East Anglia might well have asked on the morning of 6th May. A few hours later, they had their answer when — after the Arsenal woodwork had three times been shaken — the quiet, unsung hero of homely, unfashionable Ipswich latched on to a misjudged clearance in the 77th minute to leave Pat Jennings stranded.

Ipswich were, allegedly, very much the "under-dogs" — but rarely, in Wembley's 50 F.A. Cup Finals, has justice been so clearly done. The side which has so often given unfulfilled promises of success this time didn't just beat an unbelievably off-form Arsenal — who'd looked so good so much of the season — they slaughtered 'em!

£½ M BONANZA

RANGERS sweep the board. A brilliant 2-1 victory over Aberdeen at Hampden gives them the Scottish Cup for the 22nd time in their history. It also means that they have done the "treble" — the League Championship, the League Cup and the Cup — a record four times.

Bobby Russell is the man who conducts the Ibrox outfit's fantastic display and he rightfully picks up £100 and the "Man of the Match" tag.

Goals from MacDonald and Johnstone shatter an off-form Aberdeen. Ritchie scores for The Dons but the

scoreline flatters Billy McNeill's team.

A disappointed Dons' manager reveals: "This was my 13th Scottish Cup Final — and it seemed a bad omen. I didn't tell any of the players but I was in seven winning Celtic sides and five losing teams."

A Glasgow University lecturer says the Scottish World Cup squad will have earned a bonanza of £500,000 before a ball is kicked in Argentina.

He says the cash includes the players pool, S.F.A. promotions and the individual earnings of star men and manager Ally MacLeod.



Far left . . . John Richards (right) scored Wolves' first goal in a 3-1 win against Aston Villa at Molineux. That result ensured Wolves stayed in the First Division. Left . . . Rangers clinched the Premier title with a 2-0 victory over Motherwell. Gordon Smith scored one of the goals. Right . . . Ted MacDougall (left) applauds as young Tony Funnell celebrates scoring the goal against Orient that won Southampton promotion to Division One.



1977-78 SEASON IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND

Week Ending MAY 13 . . .

WORLD CUP SKIPPER

THE CUP Final is over — and so it seems (if he ever needed it!) is the search for a job by triumphant manager Bobby Robson. Grateful Ipswich chairman Patrick Cobbold — top-man of a board which has the reputation of being the best in English football — says: "Bobby has seven years to go with us on his contract. But we'd be delighted if he wants to stay with us for ever."

Mr. Cobbold, though, allows just one escape-clause — "We'd let him tear up the contract if he was sometime offered one other job he merits — that of a future England manager!"

If Arsenal were Suffolk-ated by the East Anglians, then another highly-respected manager bent on a similar demolition job at Wembley in midweek is Bob Paisley. Having just put out Juventus, Bruges, Liverpool's European Cup Final opponents, are clearly no pushover. But The Reds are quietly confident — and so are the bookies, who make Liverpool firm 5-to-2-ON favourites, and quote the Belgians at 2-to-1.

The Big Day comes, and the sun shines wonderfully on the capacity Wembley crowd — and on English football. Liverpool aren't quite at their brilliant best, but more than good enough to overcome Bruges — even if only a single Dalglish goal actually splits the sides on the score sheet.

"Now," says Paisley, "for the Treble" — and who's to argue his super Reds aren't going to join that select band who've won the European Cup three times on the trot?

In the more mundane world of the domestic game, there's a real hum-dinger at Cardiff, where Orient — starting relegation starkly in the face only a week or so ago — find Peter Kitchen's 29th goal of the season enough to save them. Sadly, though, their win dooms Blackpool — remember the glory days of Matthews and Mortensen? — to the Third Division for the first time in their history.

Midweek Midlands sensation! Ally MacLeod rates Bruce Rioch sufficiently to name him as skipper of the Scottish team in Argentina — but that means nothing to Derby. Following assorted internal rumblings at the club, Tommy Docherty slaps Rioch — and fellow World Cup man Don Masson — on the transfer-list. Says "The Doc" sourly: "Their moves to us" — both were signed within weeks of Docherty taking over in September — "have proved a poor investment for Derby."

Cup-winners Ipswich are also brought back down to earth with a bump when they lose at home to lowly Wolves in another held-over game — but, understandably, are not too distressed at the reverse.

Saturday brings the British Championship — and, with it, a couple of shocks. Because of their heavy Euro programme, Ron Greenwood gives his Liverpool lads a day off — so, in Emlyn Hughes' absence, Ipswich's Mick Mills is a deserved and popular choice as deputy skipper.

But it's not easy for England at Cardiff — where it takes goals in the last eight minutes from Currie and Barnes to wrap-up a 3-1 win over the sprightly Welsh, who deserve more than a meagre 17,698 of their countrymen to cheer them on.

Yet the real "Catch of the Day" is at Hampden — where the fighting, injury-hit Irish catch the World Cup qualifiers on the hop with a well-merited 1-1 draw.

If it's not Forest, then it's Liverpool in the news! Now, well-satisfied with their £440,000 splash on Dalglish a year ago, they're seemingly prepared to buy big again in a determined bid to hold on to their Euro honours.

Reputedly on the potential Anfield shopping-list are Blackpool's Mickey Walsh, Ipswich's Paul Mariner — "No way," says manager Robson — and Swansea's young Alan Curtis.

Week Ending MAY 20 . . .

UNDEFEATED ENGLAND

IPSWICH manager Bobby Robson, so happy at Wembley only a few days ago, starts off the week in an angry mood. Already, two of his Cup Final stars — England men Paul Mariner and Brian Talbot — have been linked (at least as far as the media is concerned) with massive transfer moves. Says Robson: "Obviously our Wembley performance has opened a few eyes but, if there are people trying to decimate my team, I'm just not bowing to any pressure — whatever the cash involved."

Midweek again shows up problems for the supposed senior members of the Home nations. The Hampden Scots can only draw 1-1 with Wales — while, at Wembley, just one goal from defender Phil Neal is all England can muster against Danny Blanchflower's Irishmen.

Admits Ron Greenwood — who pays tribute to Forest's attacking flair by giving Tony Woodcock his first cap — "The Irish gave us real problems in filling-up the midfield. They were sharp and decisive when it mattered — and, in recent games, we've found it easier to play against Italy, West Germany, and Brazil."

Due to ground reconstructions, it's unlikely we'll ever again see an 80,000 crowd for a club game in England outside of Wembley itself. Not so in China — where, in Peking, that number turn out to watch West Bromwich take on the national side and win 2-0.

Are Malcolm Macdonald's days with Arsenal numbered? "Supermac" certainly hasn't always dug up many trees at Highbury latterly, and now there seems signs that The Gunners may be prepared to bust the record British fee

to get striker Derek Johnstone from Rangers once Scotland's party are home from World Cup duty.

A Nick Deacy penalty for Wales is enough to ensure that Northern Ireland — for all their pluck at Hampden and Wembley — are lumbered with the Home Championship wooden-spoon.

In Glasgow, the spivs have been asking — and, sometimes, getting — £100 a time for tickets to see the clash with the "Auld Enemy"; Scotland's last chance to sort problems out in actual combat before leaving for Argentina.

Alas for them, those problems seem far from sorted-out yet — and the reigning British Champions, despite playing all three games at Hampden, and up with a beggarly two points to "celebrate" their World Cup send-off.

Scotland play very much better than in earlier games — but an 83rd-minute "Stevie Wonder" from Manchester United's Coppell breaks the deadlock to give England a heartening, if not entirely convincing, victory. So they run out new Champions — undefeated with 6 points above Wales (3), Scotland (2) and Northern Ireland (1).

Farewell to our Scottish friends, Argentina-bound — and farewell, too, to a couple of grand Liverpool stalwarts over the years? John Toshack has already been released to the job of player-manager at Swansea — and, knowing a thing or two about his former Anfield team-mates, would like to add Tommy Smith and Ian Callaghan to his pay-roll for next season. If "Tosh" gets his way, it could be a good time for newly-promoted Swansea next term — provided they can keep their sparkling young striker Alan Curtis.

'MYSTERY' WIN FOR ENGLAND

THE RED Dragons of Wales stifle the roars of the Scottish Lions in a mid-week clash at Hampden. Derek Johnstone gets his name on the scoresheet but a tragic 20-yard passback by Willie Donachie sails into his own net and the tough, hard game ends in a draw.

Centre-half Gordon McQueen limps off with a bruised knee after crashing into the goalpost. Wales have their revenge for the World Cup decider at Anfield.

Scotland meet the "Auld Enemy" on the Saturday and although they are outfought and outclassed, England manage to score the only goal of the game, Steve Coppell netting after keeper Alan Rough had fumbled a Peter Barnes cross. The Home Championship title goes to Ron Greenwood's team.

"We should have won it by half-time," says skipper Bruce Rioch. "However we didn't take our chances. England came to frustrate and succeeded. We didn't get the breaks."

Kenny Burns says: "We completely outclassed them. They were never in the game. They didn't even win a corner. How they won is a mystery."

But there is some good news for Scotland . . . Gordon McQueen says he should be fit enough to travel to Argentina.

He says: "With Manchester United out of the country, Freddie Griffiths, Manchester City's physio, has kindly agreed to treat my leg. I may be struggling to make the opening Group Four game against Peru, but I'll be fit for the other games!"

JOHNSTONE SHOCK

THE 64,433 fans who turn out at Hampden hoping to see the dark blue shirts of Scotland overrun Northern Ireland on their way to the World Cup Finals and three British Championships in a row are shocked into silence.

Ireland open the scoring in the 26th minute through Martin O'Neill. The terracing's tartan banners droop. But the fans are in full song ten minutes later when Derek Johnstone heads home the equaliser. The 1-1 draw bruises Scotland's pride.

Skipper Bruce Rioch says: "It was disappointing for the fans. We were over anxious from the first kick."

Midfield star Asa Hartford is at the centre of a dressing-room drama before

the match starts when he slips and cuts a hand. The wound requires seven stitches.

Scotland's 24-year-old Player of the Year Derek Johnstone announces that he has turned down a new contract from Rangers. It is the fourth successive season that the big Ibrox striker has refused to sign.

Johnstone, who signed an "S" form for Rangers as a 12-year-old schoolboy in Dundee makes no secret of the fact that, with his forthcoming marriage, he fancies a trip across the Atlantic to the soccer scene in America.

Johnstone, with 39 goals to his credit last season, is without doubt the hottest property in Scottish football.



Left . . . Bruges goalkeeper Jensen foils Kenny Dalglish this time. But a second-half goal by 'Pool's Scottish star won the European Cup for the second season running. Right . . . It is heartbreak time for Gordon McQueen and Scotland as he is helped off the field against Wales at Hampden Park.



That completes our review of a very exciting, eventful season. Now we're all looking forward to 1978/79.

A lesson Scotland must learn from their past ... Never mind the quantity, go for quality

THE corpse of the Scottish international team has had more kisses of life than Ally MacLeod has had critics.

The Scots have made mistakes on and off the park in over 100 years of soccer, but, alas, it looks as though they have failed to learn from these errors.

Already the nonsense is starting about Scotland, humbled by Peru and Iran in the World Cup, being a great team again. Austria, who had a more convincing stay in Argentina than Scotland, now look too easy in the European Championship match in Vienna on September 20.

Why? Well, didn't the Scots beat Holland 3-2 and didn't the Dutch beat Austria 5-1?

The arrogance that caused an almighty downfall in Argentina is raising its head again and that can only be bad for Scotland. The Scots will have to start again. They have good players — there is no denying that fact — but as a team they often fall down.

Individuals fail to reproduce their club form while performing for their country. There seems no good reason why.

Scotland captured the hearts of

the world's soccer public with rousing displays in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany.

Bristling Billy Bremner, a player of conviction and courage, typified their will to win. Others were praised too. Davie Hay, Danny McGrain, Joe Jordan, Willie Morgan, Tommy Hutchison, David Harvey and Sandy Jardine were all players whose talents were enjoyed by the fans.

Amazingly, that side started to break up almost immediately after their final game against Yugoslavia in West Germany.

Centre-half Jim Holton, the rock in the middle of the defence, was unlucky with injuries and that allowed Gordon McQueen to come in and he's been there ever since.

David Harvey lost form with

Leeds and was subsequently dropped. Partick Thistle's Alan Rough beat off the challenges of Jim Brown (Sheffield United), Jim Stewart (Middlesbrough), David Stewart (Leeds United) and Jim Blyth (Coventry City) to take the number one jersey.

Danny McGrain switched from left-back to his best position on the right and this meant the exit of Rangers' Sandy Jardine.

Bremner was, of course, banned for life after the unfortunate incident in a Copenhagen nightclub after the European Championship match against Denmark three years ago. The suspension on Bremner and fellow team-mates Willie Young, Arthur Graham, Pat McCluskey and Joe Harper was later lifted.

Left . . . There is mounting sympathy for the Scottish manager Ally MacLeod. Right . . . Archie Gemmill could be a short-term captain of Scotland.

David Hay was bedevilled by injuries after leaving Celtic for Chelsea and he dropped out of the reckoning.

Willie Morgan had trouble finding his true form, too, and he faded out of the picture. Tommy Hutchison made a mess of a penalty-kick in the European Championship match against Spain in front of a packed Hampden crowd and he, too, rarely played again.

Jimmy Johnstone, whose international career was coming to a close in a blaze of headlines such as: "Footballer Lost At Sea!" after his infamous escapade with a row-boat at Largs where the Scottish team was training, dropped out entirely at both country and club level.

Peter Lorimer took his blistering shot off the international scene when he was told he had to go.

In the matches that followed Scotland's departure from the World Cup panic changes were made. Just about everyone got a chance to help Scotland out of their maze of mistakes.

Charlie Cooke was welcomed back for a few games and then



Right . . . Scotland never recovered from the 3-1 defeat by Peru in the World Cup Finals.

discarded again. Derek Parlane got a chance at leading the line while Arthur Duncan was given the go-ahead to show what he could do on the left-wing.

Alex Forsyth and Stewart Houston, team-mates at Manchester United, tussled for the number three shirt and even Leeds' Frankie Gray got an outing in the challenge match against Switzerland at Hampden three seasons ago.

Tommy Craig, Aston Villa's stylish left-sided midfielder, also played in that game before dropping into oblivion for some strange reason.

Willie Pettigrew was the man who scored the only goal of the match that night, but his international appearances dropped sharply afterwards.

Des Bremner came on as a second-half substitute for Kenny Dalglish, but he is another of the forgotten men. The late Bobby McKean, of Rangers, also played in that match against the Swiss.

You can't fault Scotland for at least trying to get a winning formation! Willie Ormond and Ally MacLeod have chopped and changed with incredible abandon in their efforts to find a triumphant line-up.

After the astonishing flop in Argentina it looks as though Scotland will have to start again.

When Ormond first took over from the ebullient Tommy Docherty he had to drop players all over the place. Centre-half Eddie Colquhoun, of Sheffield United, for instance, was one of the first to be told his services would no longer be required.

In the centenary shambles match against England, when five goals found their way into the Scottish net, a lot of reputations were blasted into the cold night air.

Ormond told his defence to stop playing square on the icy conditions. He told them they were playing into the hands of the English.

Either the new team-boss didn't put his point over forcibly enough or the players chose to ignore him, but the fumbling display continued throughout the match and England were extremely thankful.

Colquhoun was the main culprit and he never played again. Goal-keeper Bobby Clark was dropped and only brought into the scheme of things when Ally MacLeod, his former manager at Aberdeen, included him in his international squads.

George Graham hung around for another handful of internationals before, he too, got the bullet.

Ormond started to rebuild the side and changes were wholesale. David Harvey made way for Ally Hunter who then had to go with the coming of Peter McCloy who then dropped out with Harvey coming back. Jim Brown played competently enough against Rumania in the 1-1 draw in Bucharest three years ago, but his performance didn't earn him another cap. Rough came in and he has stayed in charge although that situation may not remain for too long.

Many critics see Jim Stewart, Middlesbrough's £110,000 buy from Kilmarnock as the man who should guard the Scottish goal in future.



Left . . . Scotland won many friends in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany, but failure to bury little Zaire in an avalanche of goals cost them a place in the Quarter-Finals.

Certainly Rough did himself no good in the World Cup as millions watched. He was blamed for Teofilo Cubillas' goals in the 3-1 defeat from Peru and he didn't look too clever when Iran scored in the 1-1 draw.

Obviously players who wore the dark blue of Scotland in Argentina will never do so again. Willie Johnston was immediately given a Scottish international life suspension after the dope test on him following the Peruvian match had proved positive and Don Masson, who missed a penalty in that match, and Lou Macari are almost certainly out of any future international squads.

The SFA have dithered over the

Ally MacLeod affair. Will he resign? Or will he be sacked?

There is now mounting sympathy for the man who made outrageous errors in his handling of the squad. MacLeod, naturally, cannot be expected to be a scapegoat, but it does look as though Scottish soccer could do with a new manager at international level.

The Scots need a man who will accept no nonsense from the players; a man of conscience and conviction. That man must surely be Jock Stein, of Celtic.

It looks as though the handling of a club team with their problems week in and week out proved too much for the Big Man, but a job as

Scottish team-boss would be entirely different. For a start there may be only around six or seven games a year!

Stein has his own ideas on who should and who should not play for Scotland.

If he was offered the job and he accepted the merry-go-round of player changes would spin again.

Scotland must look to the future. There is no use in playing just about everyone who qualified as a Scot. There must be direction and method.

Martin Buchan, Kenny Dalglish, Danny McGrain and Joe Jordan are four players who will remain. There must be question marks over just about everyone else.

Archie Gemmill could do a good job as skipper for a short term, but the Scots must look to the future. Graeme Souness is a good player, but possibly not as brilliant as he thinks!

Changes will be made in the near future, there is no doubt about that.

But let's hope there is a bit of thought behind any moves that may occur. Players coming in for one or two games is not the answer to Scotland's problems.

The bungling must stop now. Looking through teams of the not-too-distant past you see names and wonder why they were ever considered, never mind selected!

Scotland's graveyard of sad memories is a huge one. Players have come and players have gone, but, surely, things will change in the future. Surely?



Above . . . Kenny Dalglish scores for Scotland against the eventual World Cup Finalists Holland. Victory was not a remedy for Scotland's ills.

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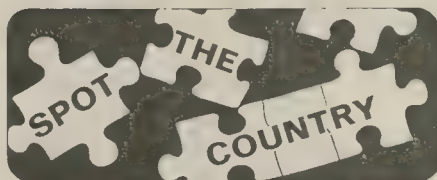
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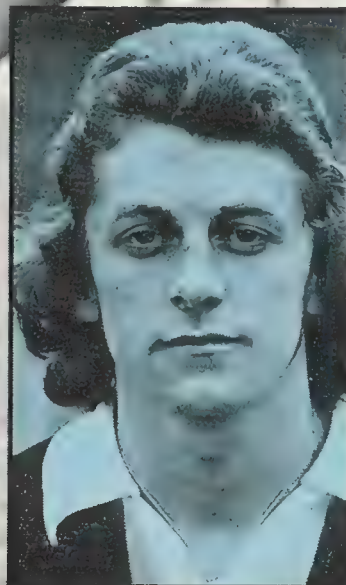
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SAMMY NELSON ARSENAL

FULL NAME: Sammy Nelson
BIRTHPLACE: Belfast
BIRTHDATE: 1st April, 1949
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WEIGHT: 11st 12lb
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: Yes, to Helen
CHILDREN: No
CAR: Lancia Beta 2000 Coupe
FAVOURITE PLAYER: My team-mate Pat Jennings
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Northern Ireland international side
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: None
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Several, including the victory against England at Wembley in 1972
BIGGEST THRILL: Joining Arsenal
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Ipswich in last season's F.A. Cup Final
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Ireland, of course
FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian and French food
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Reading and playing golf
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Politics in sport and rudeness
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Documentaries
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Millie Jackson and Gallagher and Lyle
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Steve McQueen and Jack Nicholson
BEST FRIEND: I have several close friends
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: The coaching staff at Highbury, especially Ernie Walley, Steve Burtenshaw and Don Howe
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Injuries
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Schoolboy, Under-23's and full caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be content
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a competition with Arsenal
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? I've never thought about anything else
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Rodney Browne



MIDDLESBROUGH'S Willie Maddren faces a race against time this close-season. Following a knee operation last year, the popular Ayresome defender is now desperately trying to fight his way back to peak fitness for the big kick-off on August 19th. And it's a battle he plans to win.

But to do so, Willie is doing something he has always condemned — summer training. Previously, he has enjoyed his spell away from the game between May and the start of the season.

Says Maddren: "I've always held the opinion that a player needs a rest after eight months of football. I believed his muscles had earned some relaxation.

"But since the removal of loose bone which was floating around the knee, it's a matter of building up the muscles. Which is why I'm at Ayresome Park every day, going through a routine of weight training and running, under the supervision of manager John Neal and coach Jimmy Greenhalgh."

And the return of a fit Willie Maddren to the Middlesbrough back-four is something that would make not only the player, but also the Boro supporters, very happy.

The former Middlesbrough boss, Jackie Charlton, thought very highly of Maddren and described him as a man who "makes fewer

Middlesbrough weakness ever since we gained promotion has been our inability to get goals regularly.

"If we can remedy this problem next season, the possibility is that we will do better. And hopefully, we've got 19-year-old David Shearer, who promises to score goals in the future — along with Stan Cummins and the tip-top midfielder man I think we need, Middlesbrough will be okay."

About his personal contribution to any Boro success in 1978-79, Maddren professes to confine his immediate ambition to lining up 100 per cent fit for the new term.

"From a slow beginning, I'm shaping up to achieving something like a regular training routine," confides Willie. "I'm able to do two miles of lapping, though when I first started it took me about 17 minutes to do the eight laps. Recently, I've knocked five minutes off that time, putting me on a par with the other players.

"And actually, the knee operation should have been carried out earlier. Four years ago I recall playing in discomfort, with my knee swelling like a balloon after every game. I'd missed very few games for Middlesbrough and carried on playing out of pride — but now that's all behind me. The op was very successful."

WILLIE MADDREN'S close-season battle to get fit for Boro

mistakes than any other player in Britain."

An England Under-23 international frequently tipped for a full cap, Willie was a star member of the Middlesbrough defence when the North-Eastern club gained promotion under Charlton in 1974, and in the First Division he kept up the good work. He and his centre-half partner Stuart Boam made goalscoring difficult for opposing strikers.

Then came Maddren's operation in 1977, and months of watching his team from the sidelines as a spectator. But the enforced absence was not altogether wasted time for the Boro key-man.

"While I was waiting for my leg to strengthen up I got an entirely new slant on my own side, also the opposition," explains Willie.

"On the field, you evolve a certain system of evaluating the play of yourself and your team-mates — and you weigh up the strengths and weaknesses of the forwards you are marking. Then when you are watching, you see other aspects of the game which help to complete your education and make up a complete picture.

"It reinforces the views you previously had about some players, and sometimes makes you change them a little. Oddly enough, though, there is one man who I've watched, and also played against, but who so far has never shown a real weakness — and that is Trevor Francis.

"Mention of Trevor, a talented goalscorer, reminds me that a



THE NEWS THAT SHOCKED DAVID GEDDIS AND BROUGHT HIM INSTANT FAME

THE scene was a quiet hotel in Hertfordshire as Bobby Robson gathered his Ipswich troops for their final briefing before going out to do battle with Arsenal for the F.A. Cup at Wembley.

The players sat intently as Robson outlined the tactics he believed would make soccer history and take the famous trophy to Suffolk for the very first time. But one player could hardly believe his ears!

He was striker David Geddis (top right), the 20-year-old from Carlisle in his first season in the squad and selected because the more experienced Trevor Whymark had not fully recovered from injury.

Geddis was told he had a key role in the tactical battle but instead of joining Paul Mariner in a down-the-middle assault on Arsenal's central defensive pair of David O'Leary and Willie Young, his instructions were to adopt the role of a right-winger.

Admits David: "I'd never played in that position before and was a bit concerned at first but after the boss explained exactly what he was expecting of me I felt a lot more confident. But it was still a bit strange for the first few minutes of the game because out there I didn't seem to be getting involved."

The shrewd Robson had based his tactics on what he knew of The Gunners and on information fed to him by the spies who had covered their pre-Wembley League matches.

He wanted Geddis to pin down full-back Sammy Nelson and not allow him to overlap as often as he was used to doing. A lot of the Arsenal danger stemmed from Nelson who fed midfield creators Brady and Hudson.

The plan worked a treat as David gradually got on top of his job and apart from causing Nelson problems in defence restricted his upfield surges.

Adds David: "At Ipswich we didn't operate with a winger on the right so I got the job for the day. I must admit I enjoyed it and you've got to hand it to the boss

because I doubt if anyone could have predicted how we would go out and play.

"I've got a fair turn of speed and this helped me going forward and getting back to check Sammy's runs up the wing. In fact, it was from one of my crosses that Roger Osborne popped in the winner.

"I decided not to try anything fancy when I got the ball but concentrate on trying to get past Sammy using my speed. I pushed the ball a few yards in front of me, got near to the line and cut it across the face of the goal. Willie Young got his foot to it but only pushed it into Roger's path."

His Cup Final display earned David instant stardom and he couldn't believe his ears for a second time when told he was selected for the England 'B' tour of the Far East along with club-mates Brian Talbot and Paul Mariner.

Back trouble

He says: "Normally I would have expected to have needed a couple of games for the Under-21 side before being mentioned for the 'B' squad so I was really surprised when I heard the news."

But David's good fortune didn't last for ever. After two games on tour he developed back trouble and his manager, Bobby Robson, decided to send him home for specialist treatment.

"It was a blow having to quit," says David. "But at the same time I think I did the right thing in coming home. The problem isn't too serious but I wanted to be sure I wouldn't be missing the start of the new season."

It's all happening for the big striker who will never forget the role that Harry Haslam played in his development while manager of Luton Town.

"I owe him a lot," says David, "because he took me on loan and I got a taste of first team football with Luton instead of playing in the Ipswich reserves. It was great experience and I'll always be grateful to Harry for the faith he had in my ability."

TWO PLAYERS THRUSTING FOR ENGLAND POSITIONS

WEST Bromwich Albion's official valuation of Derek Statham, £6,150 an inch, is in Concorde dimensions for costliness.

But his career is taking off in similar fashion. In Ron Greenwood's England B squad at the age of 18, he is clearly being groomed for senior international honours.

Statham's meteoric rise — he left school in Wolverhampton little more than two years ago — has only been equalled in speed by the growing chorus of praise.

greatest winger produced in this country.

"The lad has impressed me tremendously," Finney comments. "He is not afraid to go forward and help the attack, and is very strong defensively."

Shankly, Liverpool's legendary former manager, was so impressed he contacted West Bromwich boss Ron Atkinson and complimented Statham in unusually fine terms.

Atkinson, in charge at Albion

DEREK STATHAM LEFT-BACK WITH A GREAT FUTURE



Rarely have football experts been so unanimous. The message: Statham is one of the youngsters who can make England's 1982 World Cup dreams a reality.

Respected names like Bobby Charlton, Bill Shankly and Tom Finney are convinced Statham will blossom into a world class defender.

Charlton, holder of 106 England caps, is especially lavish: "Derek Statham is undoubtedly the England left-back of the future."

"He is one of our greatest prospects, and I believe is ready for the full England team. All the signs are that he is of the same class as Ray Wilson."

The comparison with Wilson, who made 63 appearances for England between 1960 and 1968, is also drawn by Finney, arguably the

since mid-January and still more used to dealing with lower Division workhorses than First Division thoroughbreds, can be excused a slight smile of satisfaction.

Just 15 miles across the Midlands Wolves, Statham's home town club, are constantly reminded of the lapse that allowed the youngster to be snapped up by The Hawthorns' staff.

Statham — 5' 5" of non-stop energy — quickly established himself in the Albion youth side two seasons ago. He set the standard of his first team career by scoring in his debut, a 2-0 win over Stoke in December, 1976.

Last October he added Under-21 honours to his England Youth caps. But the glare of international attention has had no effect on Statham's unassuming manner off the field.

"I only feel I have just established myself in Albion's first team," he says. "The England B squad call up was a complete shock."

"If I am honest about it I admit that I was just hoping to keep my place in the Under-21 team."

That did not stop West Brom, when asked by the F.A. for an insurance valuation on Statham, quoting a figure of £400,000.

Manager Atkinson stresses that it is a realistic amount, and not just a reflection of the current inflated transfer market. Indeed, he says, Statham's value is increasing with every match.

"Derek is a gem," he enthuses. "People try to find weaknesses but they don't have much success."

"Some people believed he might be too small, but I have seen Derek outjump six-foot forwards. He is great going forward, and there are not many right-wingers with the ability to get the better of him."

I WANT to be the best goalkeeper in the country and I'm after Ray Clemence's place in the England national side. How and why? You become the best there is through healthy competition which is what I've got nowadays. Why? If you don't have ambitions, you don't get anywhere.

Perhaps some people haven't given me the credit I deserve for what I've done in the last three years. But I'm not worried because they'll see what I can do.

I reckon I've got the best years of my goalkeeping life coming up from now on. I'm 29 and I look at 'keepers like Pat Jennings and Peter Bonetti and realise it's an exciting stage of my career. There's no looking back for me on my best days and past performances.

I'm absolutely determined that Villa should get the best years of my goalkeeping life out of me. They've showed their faith in me and it's up to me now to repay that faith. I'm



WATCH OUT, RAY CLEMENCE Jimmy Rimmer is after your job

confident I will do it.

Some people ask me if I was disappointed to leave Arsenal: if I felt I wasn't appreciated enough there. I say to that: 'I'm looking ahead now, not back.' What I mean is that when you have to go, you have to go and it's as simple as that.

My transfer from Arsenal was over and done with so quickly which was ideal for everyone involved.

I heard Arsenal had signed Pat Jennings and realised I'd have to go — obviously the manager, Terry Neill, thought he was a much better goalkeeper than myself. That's fair enough — it was his view and I was fortunate Villa came in straightaway, offered the right money — and I was a Villa player before I knew what had happened.

I was surprised Arsenal signed Pat, though. I'd been there three years and only missed one game. I wouldn't have thought the manager would have played me that much if he didn't rate me very highly. But they were three great years and I really enjoyed my spell at Highbury.

However, I now realise what a good move it was for me to join Villa. They're a club with loads of potential, a record second to none and some of the best players in the country.

Look at the quality of some of those players — Carrodus, Gray, Little, Gidman, Deehan . . . a marvellous crop of young players any side would love to have.

I see Aston Villa rivalling the record of leading sides like Leeds and Liverpool in the next five to ten years. Villa is definitely the next top club in English football and I'm delighted to have joined them.

I've only played for four clubs, really — Manchester United, Arsenal, England and now Aston Villa. Not a bad list of sides is it?

The England "club" is the one I want to become a member of once more. Playing for your country is the real peak, especially if you are English because there are so many fine goalkeepers in the country.

I don't rate it as impossible job, though — I've got every confidence in my own ability and I'm convinced I can oust Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton from the number one and two positions.

If I didn't have faith in my own ability, I'd never play football in the First Division. It's not a matter of being big-headed — just fancying your chances of making progress.

I want to get into the England squad and be a part of it again. I want to gain more caps to add to the one I got against Italy in New York in the Bicentennial Tournament in 1976.

It's obviously going to be harder for me, a goalkeeper, to win a place. After all, you can't have two 'keepers like you can have two full-backs or three midfield players, etc. We seem to produce the best goalkeepers in the world but that doesn't deter me. I think I'm not far below Clemence in ability and I fancy my chances of proving it to everyone, too.

I've taken one firm step towards that ambition because I've always believed if you're with a top club that is winning things, you get more recognition. I'm sure Villa will be among the trophies for the next few years — and I'm looking forward to that sort of challenge immensely.

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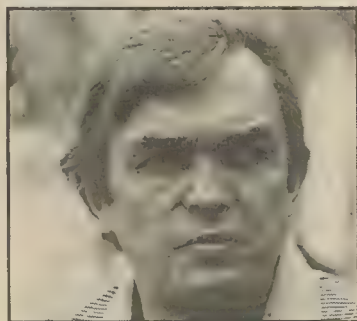
It was an eventful World Cup, not least for my own Scotland who did, as we predicted, hit the world headlines. Unfortunately, the reasons were not the ones we had in mind.

Argentina '78 was the World Cup of the managers who forgot to smile. Bearzot, the stoney-faced Italian, looked as if every grin was costing him a billion lire. Enzo just didn't crack the enamel at all.

Perhaps it is easier to understand why Ernst Happel, the Austrian who manages Holland, couldn't find anything to laugh about when you remember how his team were treated in the Final, but throughout the tournament he



Sometimes it pays to look miserable! Argentinian manager Menotti (above) was stone-faced as his team won the World Cup. While Ernst Happel, manager of runners-up Holland (below) wears his famous 'hang-dog' look.



looked as if his next job was to take over from the little boy who keeps his finger stuck in the dyke on the Zuyder Zee.

And Cesar Luis Menotti, the Argentinian supremo who, for some strange reason, reminds me of Eliot Ness, was hardly in tears of happiness when his country were presented with the trophy. In fact, compared to his reaction, Alf Ramsey in 1966 looked berserk with happiness.

West Germany's Helmut Schoen looks like a St. Bernard at the best of times, our own Ally MacLeod had little to laugh about, and poor Claudio Coutinho, the Brazilian boss, was on a hiding to nothing. Third place in the world's premier

They scored some spectacular goals, the kind which really grab the imagination of the public, but somehow I think professionals would rather watch some of the teamwork goals that the likes of Roberto Bettega and Mario Kempes were involved in.

Best players in the tournament? Well, I agree with former Scotland manager Willie Ormond when he says that although the World Cup was just as good as that of 1974, there was a drought of the outstanding individuals who came through in Germany.

Guys like Muller, Beckenbauer and Cruyff. Perhaps Kempes is the



'THE MANAGERS WHO FORGOT TO SMILE'

exception, but although there were no real superstars, I liked Lacombe of France, Passarella, skipper of Champions Argentina and Krankl the Austrian striker.

Among the sweepers our own Martin Buchan was marvellous against Holland and more than capable against Iran until he was forced to go off. And Tresor of France looked good although he did make a couple of serious errors.

The real stars of the show were the referees. A marvellous, competent display that was a pleasure to watch... apart from one exception. And that sadly enough was the Final.

There is no getting away from it. Senor Sergio Gonella had a nightmare. His handling was a joke from the start when he allowed the South Americans to get away with blatant gamesmanship about Van der Kerkhof's plaster. It was utter nonsense and at worst should have been sorted out in the dressing-room.

Football doesn't need that when half the world is watching.

He then refused completely to invoke the advantage rule and

should have been flashing his yellow card on several occasions for blatant deliberate handling.

At the end of the day I watched their tactics to the bad old days now that they have won the title. We will wait and see on that one.

Holland are undoubtedly a fine side. Krol was their best player although they have 11 workmen in every game. If anyone disappointed, I felt it was Rensenbrink, from whom they could have expected more.

What about the best goal of the tournament? Well, the BBC went for Archie Gemmill's goal for Scotland against Holland and who am I to argue with that... especially as the Beeb panel included Jock Stein!

But as it happens I do disagree, in fact I'm going for a goal that didn't even rate a mention in their competition. It was Rummenigge's

goal for West Germany against Austria, an effort which had teamwork written all over it. No offence, Archie!

And the best game? No doubt about that. Argentina v. France, who must also win the title as the unluckiest nation in the competition. So the party's over until 1982, although I have an idea that they might still be celebrating in Buenos Aires.

We have four years to digest the thoughts, learn the lessons that Kempes, Krol and Krankl taught the world.

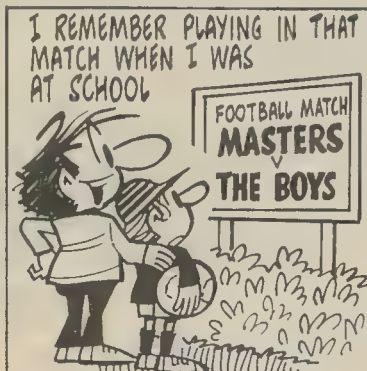
I hope we can all learn them well.

See you in two weeks...

Danny McGrain

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' MANAGER JOHN GREIG

NOBBY





I SEE Millwall recently paid £100,000 to Fulham for striker John Mitchell.

Well, life has certainly changed for The Lions. During my time at The Den, boss Benny Fenton never had anything like that amount to spend on a new player.

Benny achieved tremendous results for the club, considering his lack of funds.

By shrewd dealings in the transfer market he kept Millwall solvent and in the Second Division.

As regular readers of my column will know, I owe an awful lot to Mr Fenton. He stuck his neck out for me on a number of occasions by keeping me in the side at the expense of other, more experienced, players.

Benny Fenton is one of a dozen or so men in the game I really respect and admire.

Other managers, or former bosses, I look up to are Tommy

Docherty, Alan Mullery, Lawrie McMenemy, Don Revie, Bobby Robson, Helmut Schoen and Bob Paisley.

I've spoken about my Derby boss Tommy Docherty so many times in the past I won't bore you — or him — with further words of praise.

Alan Mullery, who I admired a great deal as a player with Spurs, Fulham and England, has done a remarkable job in his short managerial career at Brighton.

He's one of a new breed of boss, young, dedicated and determined to put something back into the game which has been so good to them.

Some people say Mullers is too brash and cocky, but in my view that's a bonus in his favour.

Lawrie McMenemy commands respect for what he's done for Southampton. He's certainly put Saints back on the soccer map when they were in danger of slipping off

'WHY I STILL ADMIRE DON REVIE'

my soccer scene

GORDON HILL

Left: Don Revie . . . success with Leeds United . . . failure with England.

Below: Pat Jennings, in action for Arsenal against Q.P.R., is a model professional.

the edge to obscurity.

Lawrie's main assets are his courage and honesty. The big man won't hide from his responsibilities as he proved in his dealings with the likes of Peter Osgood, Alan Ball and Mike Channon.

Don Revie has been slagged off by practically everyone inside and out of the game since his resignation from the England job.

I must admit I've also had my reservations about his ability as an international boss, but you can't deny his tremendous record at Leeds United.



He lifted a club on the brink of the Third Division and possible extinction to one of the most famous and successful in Europe.

In my opinion the main reason Revie failed as an England boss is through trying to please too many people.

In an attempt to satisfy the demands of players, fans — and in particular the Press — he chopped and changed his teams too much.

He was unable to settle on a pattern and players felt insecure. No one in Revie's squad really felt he had an international career ahead of him. You almost knew you'd be out next time around if certain members of the Press disagreed with your selection.

But as I've said, Don Revie deserves respect for establishing Leeds United as a top club.

What upset me most about Don's decline was the way some of his so-

Leod aged day by day, game by game.

One boss who never seems to get older is Liverpool's Bob Paisley. Taking over from the legendary Bill Shankly must have been a frightening prospect for "uncle Bob".

In fact, I've heard he turned the job down when it was first offered to him by the Liverpool directors.

But Bob finally accepted the vast responsibility of following Shanks and attempting to match the success he achieved.

Not only did Bob carry on where the old master of Anfield left off, but actually took Liverpool to greater heights.

Bob even landed a trophy Bill Shankly failed to win... the European Cup. Twice!

Perhaps he doesn't get the publicity of a Tommy Docherty, Brian Clough or Bill Shankly, but that's how Bob likes it. He prefers to stay out of the limelight and let the club and players get all the credit.

All the stories you hear of Bob are nice ones, but I bet he can be as tough, hard and ruthless as anyone when he has to be.

It takes a very strong character to rid Anfield of the Shankly ghost and handle some of the biggest name stars in the game.

But what about the players I admire? As you know there are many fellow professionals I have a great respect for, but none more so than Arsenal and Northern Ireland goalkeeper Pat Jennings.

Pat's been a world class 'keeper' for more than ten years and has contributed so much to the English game.

Apart from his tremendous skill on the field, Pat is a perfect gentleman... one of the nice guys who've found fame and not allowed it to go to his head.

Of the past players I've admired Denis Law tops the lot for Britain. Not only for his ability and sheer class but for having the courage to retire at the top.

Not for Denis the indignity of playing out his days in the lower regions of non-League football.

People in other sporting activities I respect are tennis stars Jimmy Connors, Sue Barker and Virginia Wade and motor-cycle aces Barry Sheene and Phil Read mainly for their absolute professionalism.

They've driven themselves to the limit, and sometimes beyond, to achieve success... a degree of dedication rarely reached in football.

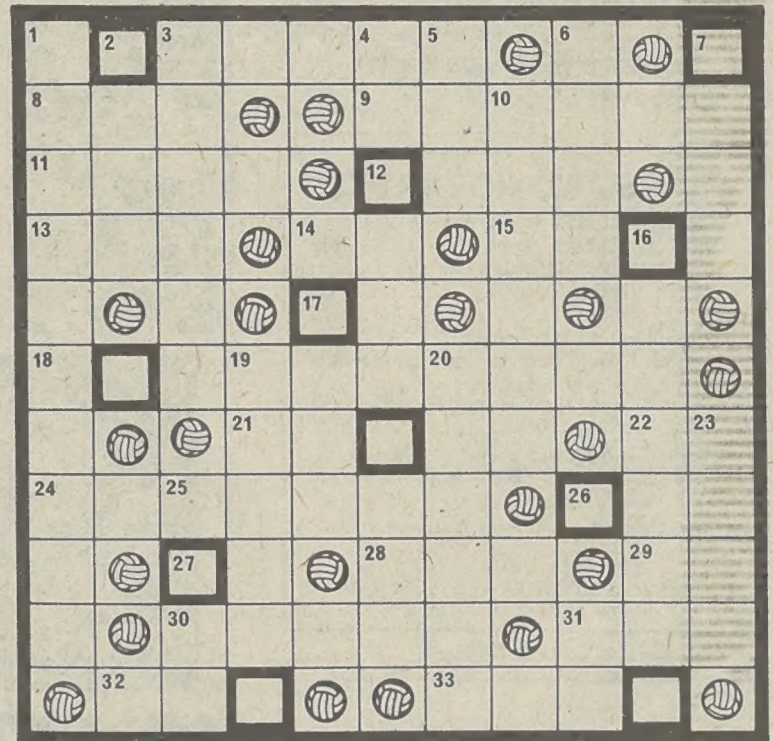
By the time I'm ready to quit the game I hope I've done enough to have earned the respect of my fellow sportsmen. There can be no finer accolade.

Cheers for now...

Gordon Hill

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Aston Villa defender. Answers on page 42.



ACROSS:—

- (1) Losing F.A. Cup Finalists in 1978.
- (2) It stops the ball in the goal.
- (3) Uwe —, former famous West German international centre-forward.
- (4) ---ling-on, English Fourth Division club.
- (5) Rot--rh-m Uni-ed from Millmoor Ground.
- (6) Th---ms. Derby County nickname.
- (7) --- Mirron, Scottish Premier Division club.
- (8) Ayre---- Park, home of Middlesbrough.
- (9) Peter --ble of Burnley.
- (10) --- Ground; Peterborough United. (6 & 4)
- (11) It certainly is bad form to ---- with the referee.
- (12) Dennis M---timer of Aston Villa.
- (13) First-class or of chief importance.
- (14) Number of goals scored in the 1978 F.A. Cup Final.
- (15) Steve F---nieston of Sheffield United.
- (16) The number of times the World Cup Championships were held between 1930 & 1974 inclusive.
- (17) Manny --druszewski of Southampton.
- (18) --- Bonetti; Chelsea 'keeper.
- (19) --- Show Ground of Scunthorpe United.
- (20) Alan Curbi-hl-- (West Ham). The omissions reversed.
- (21) Southport: The ----grounders.

DOWN:—

- (1) Winners of the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1976.
- (2) -ok-r P--k, home venue of Sunderland.
- (3) Injure of over-exertion.
- (4) Home ground of Bristol City (6 & 4)
- (5) Trevor ---, Millwall striker.
- (6) P--mors--n Park (Queen of the South) needs a voice.
- (7) Filbert S----t; Leicester City's home ground.
- (8) Peter ---, Queens Park Rangers' striker.
- (9) ---me--o- Park (Newport County). Harsh nasal sound from the missing letters.
- (10) Bobby ---, Coventry City full-back.
- (11) Barry ---, Spurs goalkeeper.
- (12) ---h--st Pa-k (Crystal Palace). Turn the missing letters into measuring implements.
- (13) -o-cast-- Rovers (Eng. Div. 4). The omissions reversed.
- (14) Ca----low Park (Morton). Tube from the missing letters.
- (15) Tony G--dde-, West Bromwich Albion goalkeeper.

called mates ran out on him at the finish. Never in the history of football in this country have so many deserted a former hero so quickly.

One manager enjoying a fair amount of success internationally with England is Bobby Robson.

Winning the F.A. Cup with Ipswich last season and being appointed team-manager of the England B side are just rewards for so many years of dedication and hard work.

Helmut Schoen, now retired as West Germany's manager, has kept his country at the top for a decade.

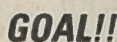
Okay, so the 1974 World Championships weren't so impressive in Argentina, but Herr Schoen's record is unrivalled. He must be the most successful international manager of all time.

The recent World Cup Finals showed millions of TV viewers just how much pressure is involved in the job at that level.

Managers such as Argentina's Luis Menotti, Brazil's Claudio Coutinho and Scotland's Ally Mac-

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TAKE A BREAK—IT'S **quiz time**

(c) 'It's my testimonial next season so I'll see how that goes and take it from there. I've had ten years of English football and I'm 26 now so maybe it will be right for a change.'



Kerkhof of Holland, (c) West Brom's Len Castello, 2. Former
 Middlesbrough star Graeme Soames, who now plays for
 Liverpool and Scotland, 3. Peter Taylor, 4. (a) Arsenal v.
 Wolves, (b) Geoff Palmer of Wolves (c) 3-1 to Arsenal, 5. (a)
 Rangers, (b) Wrexham, (c) Anderlecht (d) P.S.V. Eindhoven,
 6. Bobby Robson, 7. Aberdeen and Celtic, 8. (a) Liverpool,
 Southampton, (c) Cambridge, (d) Southend, 9. (a) First,
 (b) Second, (c) Premier, 10. Cambridge United, 11. 6-0, 12.
 (a) Haas, 13. Brazil and Italy, Brazil won 2-1, 14. 1-0 to
 Argentina, 1-1 and then 2-1 to Argentina and then 3-1, 15.
 Mario Kempes.

10. Crewe Alexandra, Colchester United or Cambridge United were once known as Abbey United?

15. Who finished the tournament with the distinction of being the top goalscorer?

GOALS win games, so it's little wonder that clubs are only too willing to spend a fortune on the men who can find the net regularly.

But if strikers are worth their weight in gold, what about the men at the other end of the field whose job it is to deny them the goalscoring opportunities?

They are the super stoppers, the players whose motto is "thou shalt not pass" and around whom the trophy-winning teams are built. They also command fat fees and as a new season approaches they hold the key to where the big prizes will go.

Like Manchester City's new £350,000 capture from Luton Town, young Paul Futcher whose ice-cool defensive work and shrewd reading of dangerous situations will surely enhance his new side's Championship prospects.

Futcher, whose career seemed in danger when he suffered serious injuries in a horrific car crash, will team up with England centre-half Dave Watson — a double act that will cost many a First Division striker a night's sleep.

While Watson and Futcher are a strong combination, however, there are other partnerships at other clubs with a great track record. Like Nottingham Forest pair Dave Needham and Kenny Burns.

Forest chief Brian Clough knew what he was doing when he spent £150,000 on each player last year. Needham's arrival from Queens Park Rangers has pushed him into the international arena and he was one of the big successes on the England 'B' tour to the Far East.

First season

Burns, meanwhile, had a dream season which ended with him collecting the "Footballer of the Year" award after helping his club to the Championship and League Cup double in their first season back in the big-time.

With Burns and Needham as anchor men and the great Peter Shilton in magnificent form behind them is it any wonder that Forest are such hot favourites to retain the title with so many fans?

Last season saw Ipswich at last fulfil their tremendous promise by lifting the F.A. Cup in a Wembley Final against Arsenal that thrilled the millions watching courtesy of television all over the world.

But would that victory have been possible without centre-half Allan Hunter, skipper of Northern Ireland, or his partner Kevin Beattie, capped by England at youth, Under-23 and full international level, both of whom were doubtful for the big match?

Indeed, it was only on the morning of the match after a fitness test at the team's hotel that Hunter was able to tell manager Bobby Robson: "I'm okay to play." Beattie had confirmed his fitness the previous day but he had not played a first team game since the stirring Semi-Final win over West Bromwich Albion.

Both players were immense on the day, blotting out the famous Supremacy who had predicted a comfortable Arsenal victory. He was made to eat his words by Hunter and Beattie who shrugged aside their injuries and turned in

The men who rarely get the credit they deserve...

THE SUPER STOPPERS



Paul Futcher
(Man. City)



Centre Picture . . . Gordon McQueen, the most expensive centre-back in England. Above . . . Allan Hunter, the N. Ireland and Ipswich defender.

David Needham
(Nottm. Forest)



the performance of a lifetime.

"Were they really injured?" asked Arsenal skipper Pat Rice afterwards. His fellow-Irishman and good friend Hunter had his answer ready when he said: "It wasn't kidology or anything like that. It was touch and go whether I would make it."

"And you only have to look at what happened later to realise we were both injured. I was unable to play in any of the British Championship matches and told to rest for the whole of the close-season while poor Kevin ended up needing a cartilage operation!"

Both players should be ready for the big kick-off which will be a boost to Ipswich's title ambitions — and bad news for goal-hungry strikers.

Up and down the country the prospects of all the leading sides depend to a great extent on the strength of their central-defenders so it's no wonder they are now costing the sort of money that used to be kept exclusively for strikers.

Tidiest

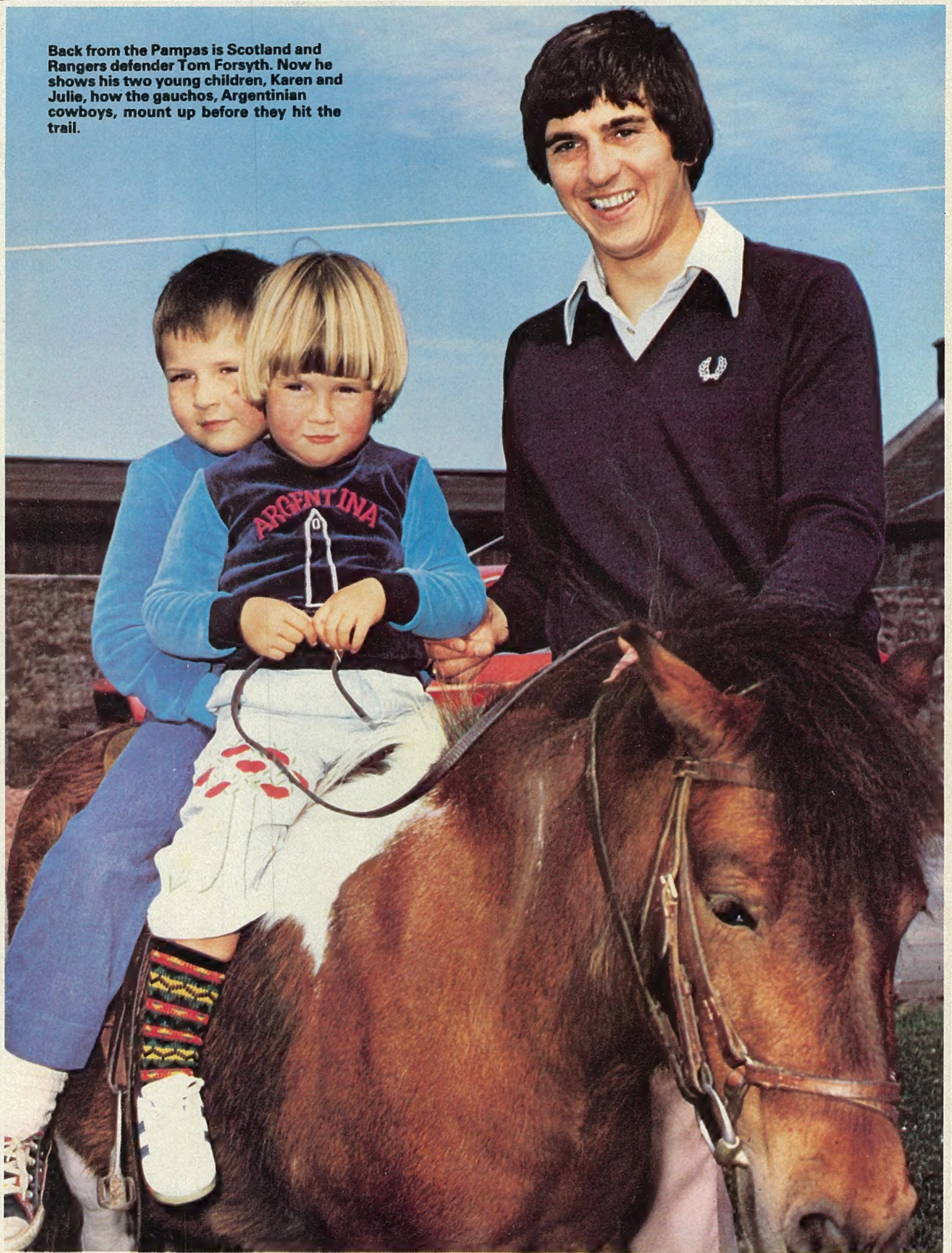
At Manchester United, for example, they've got Britain's costliest player in £500,000 Gordon McQueen and keeping him company is fellow-Scot Martin Buchan, one of the tidiest and coolest players around. No wonder the Red Devils don't expect to concede many goals next season!

And don't forget Liverpool where Emlyn Hughes is such an inspiration. Whether he teams up with Phil Thompson or Alan Hansen opposing strikers can expect to Kop it!

Leeds want to get back among the honours again and the signing of Paul Hart from Blackpool has strengthened a defence weakened by the sale of McQueen. And the experience of Roy McFarland and Colin Todd should launch Derby County back on the trophy trail.

We could go on for ever about the super stoppers who mean so much to their teams but we don't want to frighten the men who are paid to score goals too much!

Back from the Pampas is Scotland and Rangers defender Tom Forsyth. Now he shows his two young children, Karen and Julie, how the gauchos, Argentinian cowboys, mount up before they hit the trail.



SHOOT!